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Page 17—For "Madam Duggan" read "Margaret Duggan"

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Page 172—For "Camrose" read Edmonton as correct address of Mrs Gaboury and Mrs Kelly.



MRS. SAMUEL GORMAN

First President

It was at her home in Edmonton, 50 years ago, that Miss Katherine Hughes, at the request of L'Abbe Casgrain, gathered together a little group of woman to assist European girls and women who were arriving in numbers, seeking employment and homes. Mrs. Gorman was elected president at the first regular meeting held in the basement of St. Joachim's Church, November 12, 1912. During Mrs. Gorman's term of office the C.W.L. set up the first League Hostel which was, not only a residence for immigrant girls, but also housed the employment bureau, newly organized at this time.

PREFACE

The fact that the very first unit of the Catholic Women's League in Canada was formed in Edmonton, Alberta, is a bit of history of which we in Edmonton are justifiably proud. Mrs. J. J. Duggan of this city, who became National President in 1927, took care always that C.W.L. history material was preserved. Mrs. Duggan who died in 1945 asked Mrs. Frank Conroy to take custody of her League files and some day to write the story which Mrs. Conroy has given us in this volume.

It was a most difficult task which Mrs. Conroy undertook when she set about to carry out her promise to Mrs. Duggan. Mrs. Duggan's files were voluminous and much other history matter was available which Mrs. Conroy had to gather and to sift by careful long hours of perusal. The growth of the League and of its work has been phenomenal far beyond the most sanguine hopes of its founders. Immediately after the organization of the first unit in Edmonton, other units came into being in other parts of the Edmonton Archdiocese. Today we have some 117 units. It was indeed a big onerous task to which Mrs. Conroy turned her hand. The fact that she has proved equal to that task is at least partially explained by the fact that she herself over most of the years of the League's existence has been one of its outstanding workers and truly great leaders.

This volume is the interesting and happy story of a great dream realized. To no one was that dream more vivid than to Mrs. Duggan who in her President's Annual Archdiocesan Convention (1925) address spoke as follows: "In the next year our work must be advanced in every direction. We must go farther afield, we must organize new territories, we must establish new branches, if we are to meet new and ever greater needs. In the past four years of our growth much has been accomplished - Catholic women living over this wide prairie have been drawn together, have made new friends, have entered a wider and let us hope a wider happier world. Others, many others, there are outside the bounds of our organization and to them we must go, to them our help must be extended - - - We are working for a future much greater than the present and with God's grace and with the co-operation of the women of this Archdiocese the Catholic Women's League will grow to ever greater strength and usefulness."

Edmonton Archdiocese owes Mrs. Conroy a deep debt of gratitude. The League story as told in this book will always remain an inspiration to League workers everywhere. We sincerely thank and congratulate Mrs. Conroy for still another good work done "For God and Canada".

Msgr. J. A. MacLellan,
Archdiocesan Director.

First Unit Organized

The year 1912 was a memorable year in more ways than one. Your historian came to Edmonton as a bride of one month in June of 1912; the very first C.W.L. unit in Canada was formed in Edmonton on November 13th., 1912; Europe was in a state of upsurge in 1912, though the ordinary person in Canada was hardly aware of that; the car and the aeroplane were still extraordinary sights and Charles Lindbergh was still to thrill the world with his lone Trans-Atlantic flight; Canada was looking forward to a great influx of immigrants and thoughtful people were making preparations for the welfare of the coming 'strangers to a strange land' especially for the welfare of young women whom Canada planned to bring in from Europe in large numbers.

Many of these newcomers from Europe would be Catholics and to help them feel at home in a strange land and to find suitable employment, L'Abbe Casgrain, meeting these people at the Eastern seaports, saw the great need for an organization in the West to help these women and girls to find a 'home away from home'. When he came to Edmonton in 1912, Edmonton had a population of 53,611, according to the City census of that year, and seemed the logical point from which to do effective placement work.

Edmonton was very different in those days. The High Level Bridge was in process of being built; the CPR station was in Strathcona; the population was very largely made up of young-marrieds, a very large quota of bachelors (many of them embryo 'soldiers of fortune'), a small number of older people (no really old ones at all), practically no teenagers, and an ever increasing crop of babies as the years went on, some of whom may even be

grandparents now. Housing was at a premium with many newcomers living in tents down by the Saskatchewan River. There were very few paved streets and large buildings were the exception, though a good many Easterners were astonished to find such excellent examples as the Post Office (same one as now) the Hudsons' Bay Retail Store (then four stories high), the General Hospital dated 1885, the Separate School on 103 St., two or three large Banks, the Misericordia Hospital, the Alberta and Cecil Hotels, The Maclean Block (where we lived for a year or so), the Empire Block, and the really swish (according to the standards of those days) Rene le Marchand Mansions and a few others. But the general architecture, especially on Jasper Avenue, the main street, was principally one-storey shacks, containing either Real Estate offices or eating places, the latter a reminder that Edmonton had a large bachelor population. The Legislative Buildings were in course of construction. West of 112th Street on Jasper Avenue there was more 'bush' than anything else, with few paved streets and one could often see careless cowboys from St. Albert, riding down Jasper Ave., with the tails of their poor mounts often supporting a chunk of gumbo (mud to you) as big as a Rugby Ball, well, almost as big. I forgot to mention that St. Joachim's church was there and was our parish for the next thirteen years and I believe the Jesuit College was in existence then because it was one of the parishes mentioned in the earliest days of the CWL, also Sacred Heart and Franciscan, St. Anthony's (the old church) Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph's served by St. Joachim's Oblate Fathers.

L'Abbe Casgrain was familiar with the work of the Catholic Women's League in England, established in 1906, for a similar purpose, and the late Archbishop Legal having given his approval, Miss Catherine Hughes called a meeting of the women from all seven parishes in Edmonton and such was their enthusiasm for the project that the nucleus of the first CWL in Canada was set up at their first meeting on November 13th, 1912. The first officers were as follows: President - Mrs. S.J. Gorman (step-mother of Mrs. P.R. Gaboury of Edmonton, 1st. Vice Pres. - Mrs. Wilfred Gariepy, Corr. Secy. - Miss Catherine Hughes, Recording Secy. - Mrs. J. Morkin, and Treasurer - Mrs. Tehan. These ladies were assisted by an Executive consisting of Mesdames Cauchon, Berube, Madore, Barry, Lavalee, Boucher, H.B. Dawson, T.P. Malone, T. Ducey, J. Laughlin, Stuart Smith and E. Underwood. Mrs. A. Fraser was one of the very earliest secretaries. In the years from 1912 to 1920, seven CWL branches were formed in all the then existing parishes in Edmonton. St. Joachim's Church served both French and English-speaking Catholics, residing west of 101 Street and possibly as far north as the boundary of the Jesuit Parish, whose college buildings are now used as Camsell Hospital for the care of Indians, under the Dominion Government, and called after Dr. Charles Camsell, well known for his work among the Indians of the West. An interesting note in regard to CWL meetings held, many of them, at the Gorman home, is the fact that Mrs. Gaboury, then Rosemary Gorman and Mary Conway often served refreshments to the ladies at the meetings of those days. So, being first in

Canada, what did the Edmonton Catholic Women's League do in its seven groups?

At the first Annual meeting on April 19th., 1913, definite steps were taken to care for the incoming tide of immigrants. Volunteer forces were organized to meet all trains entering Edmonton, to visit hospitals and to conduct an office which was a combined FREE Employment Bureau and general CWL office. There were no free Government Employment bureaus in those days and the private employment bureaus then in existence charged rather high prices for their services. Just as a sidelight on this matter of expense, there were no pennies handled in Edmonton until "Johnstone-Walker's" as I have been told, brought in a barrel of pennies and initiated their use. Their store was then on the north side of Jasper Ave., half way past the Macdonald Hotel corner. I remember when bread was two loaves for a quarter, but if you wanted only one loaf, it cost fifteen cents. The lack of pennies was an indication of prices in those days. A FREE employment service meant a lot to immigrants and others looking for work and this was provided by the CWL in their wee office. They also cooperated with Church Extension and in aiding the Ruthenian Sisters. Miss Catherine Hughes was in constant touch with the CWL in London, England, and at the insistence of Mrs. Samuel Gorman, CWL President, entered into correspondence with similar foundations in the United States, and the League here adopted the principle that a member of the CWL, in good standing in any part of the world, should be welcomed as a member in any other part. The work of caring for newcomers who became ill

or needed other assistance, was also very important, first, under the care of CWL members and persons hired by them or giving their services free, until the year 1915 when the Sisters of Providence of Kingston, Ontario, were secured to do this work. Since this will be covered in another chapter, I shall not go into it here. The Sisters of Our Lady of the Good Shepherd came to Edmonton in 1912 at the request of the Department of Neglected Children, to assist in the reformation of wayward girls. There was not in the whole of Alberta, at that time, another such institution. CWL assistance to them began in 1917. The Misericordia Creche was one of the most useful pieces of social service in Edmonton's early years, being maintained in a small cottage on the hospital grounds, under the care of the Misericordia Sisters. My information on this work is very limited but it comprises one of the noblest efforts on Edmonton's records and the Sisters are now preparing for even greater help to these unfortunates.

In the very early days of the Edmonton CWL, Rev. Father LeMarchand suggested hospital visiting committees for the General (here since 1885) the Misericordia and the Royal Alexandra Hospitals, the latter a city hospital under the care of a lady Superintendent. Each of the seven CWL parochial branches in Edmonton collected its own membership fees, thus greatly assisting the general executive, but all worked together on every project undertaken.

War having broken out in 1914 (August) Red Cross Circles were formed

and the women in all the parishes did a great deal of patriotic work until the war ended on Armistice Day, November 11, 1918. Later, when World War II inundated the world, they again did their part, all of which is detailed in the chapter entitled 'War Work'.

Mrs. J. J. Duggan came into the League picture sometime between 1914 and 1915, being 2nd Vice President in 1915 and was prominent in the CWL until her death. The Edmonton CWL was incorporated under the 'Ordinance Respecting Benevolent and other Societies in May, 1918.

To turn for a moment to the rest of Canada, Montreal organized in 1917, Toronto in 1918, Halifax, Regina and Sherbrooke all in 1919. About that time also, Mrs. R.H. Kneil, sister of Miss Catherine Hughes (who had sparked the Edmonton CWL in 1912, along with L'Abbe Casgrain) was working in the Immigration Dept., at Ottawa, and discussing the matter of organizations to assist women coming to Canada, with the Rt. Hon. C. J. Doherty, she was asked by him if there was a national organization of Catholic women to do national work and she had to reply in the negative, but, coming to Montreal, she called upon the Montreal President of the CWL, there, Miss Bellelle Guerin, and discussed the possibility of a national organization of Catholic women to assist in Immigration work. Accordingly, on St. Joseph's Day, March 19, in the year 1920, a letter went out to all established CWL groups, a meeting was held and, under the auspices of the Most Rev. Neil McNeil, Archbishop of Toronto and with the approval of the Apostolic



KATHERINE HUGHES

Excerpts from Leaflet "Souvenir"

(Published in 1932 at the time of celebration of the 20th anniversary of the founding of the first C.W.L. unit in Edmonton.)

"To serve the interests of the Faith, the first small band of women who now form the League, was called together in this city when L'Abbe Casgrain, working at the seaports of the East felt the need of a society in his wish to look after the welfare of the women immigrants coming to this new country to make a home . . . The late Archbishop Legal of sacred memory acquiesced, and in November, 1912, Miss Hughes called together, at St. Joachim's Hall, women representing all the parishes of the city, and the first regular officers were elected . . . When the League had begun to function actively, Miss Hughes was continually in touch with the Catholic Women's League of London, England, and at the instance of Mrs. Samuel Gorman, the first president, entered into correspondence with similar foundations in the United States . . . To the late Katherine Hughes the Edmonton subdivision owes a debt of gratitude . . . She was a woman of great vision."

Delegate, the CWL of Canada was set up in June, 1920. Mrs. Howard Thompson, Edmonton President of the CWL was in attendance. Miss Bellelle Guerin of Montreal was the first National President.

Edmonton then proceeded with Diocesan Organization. In 1922, a letter from His Grace Archbishop Henry J. O'Leary to Mrs. J. J. Duggan, gave his permission, Blessing and encouragement. Another letter from His Grace to the Parish Priests of Edmonton Archdiocese in 1923 asked for their support and cooperation for the setting up of CWL groups in their parishes, wherever conditions warranted it. The first Edmonton Diocesan Convention of the CWL occurred on March 31st, 1922.

It is interesting to note the many convenerships and the names of their conveners in the Edmonton Diocesan Council, at this time, when we were pretty much on our own even though the National Council of the CWL had been set up in 1920. They were as follows: Good Shepherd Auxiliary, Mrs. E. Underwood; Rosary Hall Guild, Mrs. Hertzler; Social Committee, Mrs. P. R. Gaboury; Publicity, Mrs. P. B. Sullivan; Royal Alexandra Hospital, Mrs. H. Haley; Misericordia & General Hospitals, Mrs. Sievewright; Red Cross, Mrs. E. Vint; Membership, Mrs. E. Kelly; Teachers' Exchange, Mrs. L. Trimble; Re-Mailing Committee, Mrs. L. A. Giroux; National Council of Immigration, Mrs. Frank Dynes; Visiting sick and strangers, Mrs. Sievewright, Miss Boland, Mrs. J. Morkin, Mrs. H. Hawkins, Mrs. J. J. Cashman, Mme. Dow; as reported by the Recording Secy. of that time, Mrs. Alex Fraser.

Subdivisions taking part in the first Edmonton Diocesan Convention were;-Edmonton, Camrose, Wetaskiwin, Red Deer, Leduc, Duhamel, Killam, Viking, Vermilion, Vegreville, and Edmonton Business girls. Officers elected were: President, Mrs. J. J. Duggan; 1st Vice, Mrs. Geo. Shea of Camrose; 2nd Vice, Mrs. C. J. Duggan, Camrose; 3rd Vice, Mrs. J. J. Culford, Vermilion; Recording Secy, Mrs. Frank Dynes, Edmonton; Corr. Secy, Miss Vivien O'Reilly, Edmonton; Treasurer, Miss G. Sullivan, Wetaskiwin. Mrs. Robt Kneil, formerly of Edmonton and sister of Miss Catherine Hughes was Dominion Organizer. Very interesting also is the very modest budget of the first Diocesan Council. Total amount received \$1,321.17 - Expenditures - \$1,099.35 - Balance on hand \$221.82, all vouched for by the auditor, Mr. Walter D. Trainor.

Organization followed thick and fast on the first Diocesan set-up. First, of course, there was the city of Edmonton with its seven parishes,

dating from 1912. Wetaskiwin was the first subdivision outside of Edmonton, organized on May 8, 1921 at 1:30 p.m., with Camrose hard on its heels the same day at 4:30 p.m. There were ten other points organized in 1922 which you will find in the chapter on Organization, together with all the others since that time.

Not many today will recall the 1921 depression, fortunately brief, but the records of that year state - "Owing to so much unemployment in 1921, there was a greater call for help than ever before and a great deal of relief work was done by the CWL in the first 'Comfort Corner'." Details of this work will be found in the chapter under that heading.

At the 1923 Diocesan Convention, Rev. Father Patton O.M.I., suggested that the CWL adopt St. Mary's Home for boys as its principal work for that year. Mrs. F. R. Munshaw was the first Convener. Rev. Father Lyons, now Msgr. Lyons, Pastor of the Assumption Parish in Edmonton, was always in those early days a great supporter of St. Mary's Home for boys.

Mrs. J.J.Duggan was the Edmonton Diocesan Delegate to the National Convention in Halifax in 1923, paying practically all her expenses personally, the CWL paid \$20.00. In 1924, the National Convention was held in Edmonton, Mrs. P. R. Gaboury, as President of the Edmonton Senior Sub-division being convention hostess. Her wide experience and her close connection with the CWL from 1912 on enabled her to be a very efficient hostess.

The Programme, copy of which we have, left nothing to chance and we are sure the Eastern delegates returned to their respective home towns with a very favorable picture of Edmonton's hospitality as well as its forward-thinking approach to CWL possibilities.

By 1925 we had 34 subdivisions. Total contributions to St. Mary's Home from Oct. 13, 1923 to June 6, 1925 amounted to \$2,839.48. In October, 1923, a committee was set up to promote the "Canadian League Magazine". The 'Sisters of Service' was adopted as a CWL convenership in 1925. Observance of the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel, our Patroness, on April, 1926, was urged on all members. The report on Immigration in 1925 showed very few immigrants. Furnishings of rooms in the newly built St. Joseph's College was promoted by the CWL. Each room cost \$50.00. Our CWL column in the Western Catholic was started in 1925. In 1926 the Edmonton Diocesan Council Convention was held Sept. 18th to 20th. Mrs. Edward Underwood was Diocesan president. The National President, Mrs. B. C. McCann, was with us at the convention. Diocesan Council receipts for the year amounted to \$2,976.54. Cancelled stamps and picture Post Cards were asked for India. The National Council asked for assistance over and above the National Tax. Each subdivision was urged to hold a social affair for this purpose.

The Diocesan and Cathedral Library was furnished this year. A vote of thanks was tendered to Rev. Dr. McGuigan (now His Eminence Cardinal McGuigan), for his interest in CWL. The Diocesan Convention Mass was held at St. Joseph's Cathedral for the first time. At the first Executive meeting after this convention copies of the League prayer were asked for throughout Canada. Edmonton subdivision held a Bazaar for Rosary Hall in June, 1926. The orchestra from the JESUIT COLLEGE played during the banquet. Social service was added to our list of convenerships. Father MacLellan, now Rt. Rev. Msgr. MacLellan, gave very inspiring talks on the subject "Why Every Catholic Woman Should Belong to the CWL." Purple bags were inaugurated for Lenten self-denial in assistance to the work of the Sisters of Service, one cent a day asked. Checks from the CWL were sent to "Sunshine" (the Edmonton "Journal's" charitable effort), Sisters of Service, Sisters of the Good Shepherd, University Hospital and Royal Alex. Mrs. Edward Underwood was president of the Good Shepherd Auxilliary, Mrs. M.J. Fitzgerald to act in her absence in the East. An effort was made to help preserve the St. Albert relics. Some money was raised but not much done. Mrs. J. J. Duggan was elected National President in 1927 for two years. Mrs. J. W. Connolly, one of the early CWL greats, was Diocesan President in 1927-28. Sisters of Atonement work was added to list of convenerships. Camrose and Vermillion reported 100% membership. Mrs. A. J. McCormack reported \$55.00 raised and given

to Father P. F. Hughes, now Monsignor Hughes of Regina, for Ukrainian work. In 1928 circulars were sent out re National Scholarship. National CWL Convention held in Calgary in 1928. Bashaw and Stettler reported 100% membership this year. No report of 1929 Diocesan Convention available. At the National Convention, held in Sudbury, Ontario, in June, Mrs. J.W. Connolly was banquet speaker on the subject; "Civic Duty and the Family" (My first National Convention). Mrs. B.F. Kiser of High River, Alberta, spoke on 'The New Paganism and the Family'. In short compass some items of interest during next few years were as follows: 1928 - Comfort Corner re-established in Edmonton with present writer as Convener for five years, 1928 to 1933. (See complete separate report.) Circulars were sent out re National Scholarship. Archbishop O'Leary was named National Chaplain. Mrs. J. W. Connolly was elected 3rd Vice and National Convener Sisters of Service. Mrs. Frank Dynes was named Western Organizer. The first note of our participation in Tag Days in Edmonton comes in 1929. In the year 1930 Mrs. J. J. Duggan received the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice decoration from the Pope in recognition of her splendid efforts for the Faith and the CWL. This was presented to her by Archbishop Henry J. O'Leary at the Edmonton Senior Subdivision Banquet on April 22, 1931. Also this year, Mrs. B. R. Mooney won a trip to Ireland for securing most subscriptions to the "Western Catholic" competition. In the year 1932, Mrs. McIntyre of Charlottetown, National

President, unveiled tablet in table made to be used at meetings and commemorating the founding of the first CWL in Edmonton in 1912. This occurred at the CWL Diocesan Convention in Edmonton when eighteen subdivisions reported 100% membership. In 1933, the Edmonton CWL resigned from the Local Council of Women on the matter of the latter's requesting, thru a Calgary member, Provincial Government, to set up Government Birth Control Clinics. Mrs. F. J. Conroy, was CWL spokesman at meeting which was called by the Government to hear case. She also wrote articles for Edmonton paper under direction of Archbishop O'Leary and with the assistance of Rev. Father Macdonell, O.S.B., Mrs. A. J. McCormack presented the League's case to the Local Council. Mrs. D. M. O'Brien was Education Convener in 1934, the year the Oratorical Contests in the Separate High School was inaugurated. In the year 1935 the present writer, then president of Edmonton Senior CWL subdivision, resigned after one year as president, to run as a candidate in the Provincial Legislature. Social Credit swept the boards. A few years previous to this Miss Eva Dillon had secured grants from a city estate for a number of our charitable works. These continued for some time to the orphanages, the Comfort Corner, Rosary Hall, and St. Joseph's Hospital.

In 1937 Miss Catherine McGrath received the Coronation Medal from King George V.

Miss Eva Dillon was, about this time appointed National Executive Secy During the second World War years, starting with 1939, work was concentrated on the war effort in several lines. (See detailed account in special convener-ship report).

Continuous Rosary started (to include all subdivisions) on suggestion of present writer with each subdivision being allotted a day of the month on which at least one member would recite the Rosary for World Peace. A resolution went forward re establishment of Family Courts, and was successful in securing them later on. Mrs. I. Hawkes, CWL Bridge Club, which was active for 20 years, donated to various needy causes, Sisters of Service, Catholic Truth Broadcasts, Cigarette and Gum Fund for Soldiers, Seminary Fund, and also bought Flags for St. Joseph's 8th Troop Girl Guides of which Mrs. Hawkes' daughter, Kathleen, was leader. Other scattered items gleaned from Minutes; Mrs. F. J. Conroy was appointed National Convener for Organization (West) in 1940. She was at the same time Press Convener 1940 to 1943. As convener of Organization, she visited 33 subdivisions. Mrs. G. Dearing was also National Convener for Organization in 1948. Lay Retreats started in 1941 with Mrs. J. W. Connolly as Convener, continued for three or four years, then Mrs. A. C. Woodman took over for three or four retreats, with Special Retreats at Cochrane, Alberta, undertaken by Franciscan Fathers in 1950 or 1951.

Miss Eileen Miller, National Scholarship winner, came to Edmonton in 1945, as Catholic worker with Family Welfare Bureau. 1945 - Mrs. F. J. Conroy received King's Honor of M.B.E. for work as Alberta Chairman of the Women's Regional Advisory Committee to the Wartime Prices and Trade Board for upwards of six years. This work was all on a voluntary basis. Edmonton CWL contributed to league's \$25,000 gift to Federal Government-War purposes. In 1947 the CWL entertained Cardinal McGuigan at a reception at St. Joseph's College. Ambulance costing \$1,800 was purchased for Red Cross, part proceeds of Bazaar in Memorial Hall. Mrs. Gertrude Dearing put on Carnival and Raffle for purpose of decorating lounge room at Mewburn Hospital, Edmonton, for returned veterans. This project cost \$1,800 plus upkeep for several years. At this time Girls' Lounge at St. Joseph's College was decorated at cost of \$180.86. Later an amount of \$2,500 was handed over to Archbishop O'Leary for Diocesan purposes. Cash to the amount of \$300 was donated to Library work. The National Scholarship was supported down through the years. Citizenship was stressed with members on the following boards:- Council of Social Agencies, Community Chest was started in 1941 with Mrs. P.R. Gaboury, charter member, doing outstanding work ever since, with assistance of hundreds of Catholic women, raising more money than any of the other

Church groups in Edmonton. Mrs. Gaboury was also honored member on the Edmonton Community Chest Board while doing great work for Sisters of the Good Shepherd for 28 years, culminating in the celebration of the Good Shepherd Golden Jubilee on June 3rd, this year (1962). Mrs. D. M. O'Brien, as War Services convener, did great work on the National War Services Council, Red Cross, Recreational Center and V.E. Day Committee. Mrs. F. J. Conroy was a member of the Edmonton Rehabilitation Council, the Edmonton Housing Committee, and Alberta president of the Canadian Association of Consumers for three years, chairman of the Alberta Women's Division, Wartime Prices and Trade Board for nearly six years, and all voluntary work. These three CWL members, together with Mrs. Ed. Kehoe of Camrose, received the Bene Merenti Medal from Pope Pius XII through the kind offices of Msgr. MacLellan and Rev. R. V. Britton. In 1953, Mrs. J. W. Connolly received the Lateran Cross from the Holy Father for outstanding service. In 1961 Mrs. D. Melton and Mrs. C. D. Kelly of Edmonton, and Mrs. R. Byers of Camrose also received the Bene Merenti Medal, when the National Convention was held in Edmonton. Besides the above, numerous women in this diocese, CWL Members, serve on countless Boards, both at the present time and in previous years, especially the 2nd World War years. Edmonton Dioceses has five Life Members:

Mrs. F. J. Conroy, Mrs. D. M. O'Brien, Mrs. P. R. Gaboury, Mrs. A. C. Woodman, all of Edmonton and Mrs. E. Kehoe, Jr., of Camrose. 73 members have received scrolls for 25 years or more of continuous membership and work for the CWL. 62 plaques and Pictures of Our Lady of Good Counsel have been procured by Councils. We have 313 Honorary Members.

It is interesting to note, after such a lapse of years, that in the year 1927 at Montreal, Mrs. J. J. Duggan reported a resolution from the CWL that had already been submitted to the Prime Minister and to the Minister of Immigration and Interior, asking for the closing of Communist Schools in Canada and the deportation of Communist teachers. The Abbe Casgrain, speaking at the Montreal Convention, stated that, from personal observation during a tour of Canada, he found many children who had lost their religion and have been taught Communism openly by Bolshevik teachers, and also that he found 40 of these schools with an attendance of 2,000 children. Why did we not take this warning seriously?

This story would not be complete without mention of those zealous priests who were our chaplains all thru the years. Some have been mentioned already but there were also Rev. Fr. Cozanet, Msgr. Pilon, Msgr. Carleton, our Diocesan Chaplain for years, Rev. Father J. Burke, Civic Administration Director, Msgr. Foran, Chaplain to the Madam Duggan Subdivision

for years, and all those fine parish priests who were and are our League Directors.

With the disbanding of the Edmonton Senior Subdivision in 1950 the way was cleared for Parish Councils in Edmonton, where now practically every parish has its CWL Council. At the 1962 Diocesan Convention, 114 Councils were reported, including one all-Indian Council at Hobbema Reserve. Great credit is due Mrs. Doreen Melton for tremendous initiative and drive in organization and in development work in Councils already formed. Msgr. MacLellan, Diocesan Chaplain, with his cheerful ways and his Scotch caution, had kept us all on the right track for a long time, God Bless him, and I cannot finish on a more pleasant thought than to mention the Achievement Cups which he inaugurated some years ago and which are presented at the Diocesan Convention each year to the Councils making the most of their opportunities, whether great or small, during the year just past. This way, both great and small are encouraged to show what they can do in the situation they are in and with the available material. A real "E" for effort. Nobody but a canny Scot would think of such a delightfully simple way of putting all on an equal basis.

But I must not ignore my own Parish, St. Joseph's, when giving credit. Some years ago Msgr. Joseph Malone, our Parish priest and CWL director, inaugurated perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in which both men and women have an opportunity to take part, the women from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.,

and the men for the rest of the night hours. This has been most successful and only God knows what wonders it has worked not only in our own parish but in the world. This year fourteen priests were ordained after years of having only a few candidates for this holy office. No prayer is lost and who knows, maybe this is one result of the hours of adoration so generously and faithfully made, as a result of Msgr. Malone's devoted work.

This is really only an introduction to the History of the Edmonton CWL. Details will be given in the various accounts of our work and convenerships. In case anyone may be inclined to think that I have not done justice to the subject, I would kindly ask you to remember that I tried to write a "HISTORY" and I had to go by the available material. I remember seeing my name in a list of members for the year 1921, but that does not mean that I can remember everything that occurred in the meantime. For a year or more I have been 'fighting the battle of the Minutes of meetings' some without even a date on them and I have studied every scrap of authentic information that was available, wrote and rewrote and wrote again. My typewriter will never look the same. So I crave your indulgence and hope you will enjoy our History.

At this point, even though it is anti-climatic, I cannot resist a plea to all who write reports to PLEASE PUT THE DATE ON THEM. You would be surprised how so many, even some of our smartest women, have consistently presented reports with NO DATE on them. Well, I think I've had a post-

graduate course in sleuthing in writing this report of 50 years and Sherlock Holmes has nothing on me; but I'm also sure I'll never look the same after all the 'rooting around' I have done to pin down reports to the proper date. However difficult the task it was for me a labor of love! May God bless the League always in its labors for Him and His 'little ones'.

Officers, Etc. - 1922 to 1962.

Year 1922 to Year 1962 (inclusive); 1922 - President, Mrs. J. J. Duggan, Edmonton; 1st Vice., Mrs. Geo. Shea, Camrose; 2nd Vice., Mrs. Chas. Duggan, Camrose; 3rd Vice., Mrs. J. J. Culford, Vermilion; Treasurer, Miss Gertrude Sullivan, Wetaskiwin; Secretary, to be chosen by Executive.

1923 - President, Mrs. J. J. Duggan, Edmonton, 1st Vice., Mrs. P.R. Gaboury, Edmonton; 2nd Vice Mrs. (Dr.) A. Couillard, Vegreville; 3rd Vice., Mrs. E. J. Kelly, Wetaskiwin; Treasurer, Miss Margaret Trautmen, New Norway; Councillors, Mrs. J. J. Culford, Vermilion, Mrs. E. Underwood, Edmonton, Mrs. J. Pelletier, New Norway, Mrs. M. G. Sullivan, Wetaskiwin, Madame A. Dow, Edmonton.

1924 - The same officers to carry on, as Edmonton would be having the National Convention and Our Directors and Rev. Father Patton, advised that we should dispense with the Diocesan Convention for 1924 and carry on with the same officers as for 1923. A motion by Mrs. Paul Scarbach of Killam seconded by Mrs. M. L. Foreman of Tofield was passed to this effect. The following officers may have been appointed, as often is the case, as follows (since they appear on the program of 1925. Diocesan Corr. Secy., Miss Anna Donnelly, Edmonton; Diocesan Recording Sec., Mrs. J. Lang, Camrose; 1925 - President, Mrs. J. J. Duggan, Edmonton; 1st Vice., Mrs. P. R. Gaboury, Edmonton; 2nd Vice., Mrs. E. J. Kelly, Wetaskiwin; 3rd Vice., Mrs. (Dr.) Couillard, Vegreville; Corr. Secy., Miss Anna Donnelly, Edmonton; Rec. Secy., Mrs. J. Lang, Camrose; Treasurer, Mrs. Layman Anderson, Camrose; Councillors, Mrs. J. Pelier, Duhamel, Madame A. Dow, Edmonton, Miss G. Sullivan, Wetaskiwin, Mrs. J. J. Culford, Vermilion, Mrs. E. Underwood, Edmonton.

1926 - President, Mrs. Edward Underwood; 1st Vice., Mrs. E. J. Kelly, Wetaskiwin; 2nd Vice., Mrs. M. J. McElhone, Stettler; 3rd Vice., Mrs. A. Zackowski, Strome; Corr. Secy, Miss Anna Donnelly, Edmonton; Rec. Secy, Mrs. F. R. Munshaw; Treasurer, Mrs. F. R. Munshaw; Councillors, Mrs. W. J. Connolly, Galahad; Mrs. J. J. Culford, Red Deer; Mrs. Cryne, Lloydminster; Mrs. J. W. Connolly, Edmonton, Miss Della Brick, Heisler. 1927 - President, Mrs. Edward Underwood, Edmonton; 1st Vice., Mrs. J. J. Duggan; 2nd Vice., Mrs. J. J. Knoll, Vermilion; 3rd Vice., Mrs. E. J. Kelly, Wetaskiwin; Corr. Secy, Miss C. McGrath, Edmonton; Recording, Mrs. Edward Dwyer; Treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Connolly, 109 St., Edmonton; Councillors, Miss Stella Brick, Heisler, Mrs. M. J. McElhone, Stettler, Mrs. Geo. DeGrace, Big Valley, Mrs. L. Anderson, Camrose, Mrs. J. J. Culford, Lloydminster, Mrs. C. Sorenson, Edmonton. 1928 - President, Mrs. J. W. Connolly, Edmonton; 1st Vice., Mrs. J. J. Knoll, Vermilion, 2nd Vice., Mrs. F. Moerke, Strome, 3rd Vice., Mrs. E. J. Kelly, Wetaskiwin; Record Sec., Miss Eva Dillon, Edmonton; Treasurer, Mrs. C. Sorenson, Edmonton. 1929 - No record - presumably as above. 1930 - President, Mrs. J. McElhone, Stettler; 1st Vice., Mrs. F. Moerke, Strome; 2nd Vice., Mrs. J. L. Slavik, Viking; 3rd Vice., Mrs. F. Hohler, Camrose; Corr. Secy, Mrs. T. J. Kirby, Stettler; Rec. Secy, Miss Eva Dillon, Edmonton; Treasurer, Mrs. T. E. Dwyer, Edmonton,

Councillors, Mrs. J. Lang, Camrose, Mrs. E. Underwood, Edmonton, Mrs. T. J. Kelly, Three Hills, Miss Florence Esch, Edmonton, Mrs. J. Edwards, Killam, Mrs. A. Klein, Wanda. 1931 - No record. 1932 - President, Miss Eva Dillon, Edmonton; 1st Vice., Mrs. B. R. Mooney, Edmonton; 2nd Vice., Mrs. J. J. Culford, Vermilion; 3rd Vice, Miss Catherine McGrath, Edmonton, Corr. Secy, Miss Emma Cahill, Edmonton; Rec. Secy, Mrs. T. J. Kirby, Stettler; Treasurer, Mrs. Irene Hawkes, Edmonton; Councillors, Mrs. E. Waukel, Edmonton, Miss Irene Fitzgerald, Edmonton; Mrs. J. J. Knoll, Vermilion, Mrs. H. Dearing, Edmonton, Mrs. E. Kehoe, Camrose, Mrs. E. Moerke, Strome. 1933 - 1935 - President, Miss Catherine McGrath. 1936 to 1937 - President, Mrs. F. J. Conroy; 1st Vice, Mrs. T. J. Kelly, Three Hills; 2nd Vice, Mrs. F. Moerke, Strome; 3rd Vice, Mrs. E. Kehoe, Camrose; Rec. Sec., Mrs. W. J. Doherty, Edmonton; Treasurer, Mrs. I. Hawkes, Edmonton. 1937 to 1939 - President, Mrs. Neil Ross, St. Albert. No Other records. 1939 to 1941 - President, Mrs. I. Hawkes, Edmonton, 1st Vice, Mrs. F. M. Moerke, Strome; 2nd Vice, Miss C. McGrath, Edmonton; 3rd Vice, Mrs. J. A. McCool, Edmonton; Rec. & Corrs. Sec., Mrs. L. LaFleche, Edmonton; Treasurer, Mrs. R. M. Shepherd, Millet.

1942 - President, Mrs. J. J. Duggan, Edmonton, No other records. 1943-1944-45 - President, Mrs. G. Dearing, Edmonton; 1st Vice, Mrs. I. Hawkes, Edmonton; 2nd Vice, (1943-4), Mrs. Neil Ross, St. Albert; 3rd Vice, (1943-4) Mrs. F. Moerke, Strome; Rec. & Corr. Sec., (1943-4), Mrs. L. F. Lafleche, Edmonton; Treasurer, Mrs. F. Steinburg, Edmonton. 1945-1946 - President, Mrs. D. M. O'Brien, Edmonton; 1st Vice, no other records. 1947 - No other records. 1948 - President, Mrs. C. D. Kelly, Edmonton; 1st Vice, Mrs. F. Muldoon, Evansburg; 2nd Vice., Mrs. E. Kehoe, Camrose; 3rd Vice, Miss E. Stuart, Edmonton; Secy, Mrs. C.A. Collins, Edmonton; Treasurer, Mrs. R. Pratley, Edmonton. 1950 - 51 - President, Mrs. R. Pratley, Edmonton (one year, Husband died). No other records. 1952-1954 - President, Mrs. F. J. Conroy, Edmonton; 1st Vice, Mrs. C. D. Kelly, Edmonton; 2nd Vice, Mrs. L. Maynard, Edmonton; 3rd Vice, Mrs. J. G. Condon, Trochu; Secretary, Miss M. Gardner & Miss E. Stuart, Edmonton; Treasurer, Mrs. I. Hawkes, Edmonton. In 1954 - Mrs. F. Foy, 2nd Vice; Mrs. J. G. Condon, 3rd Vice; Mrs. I. Hawkes, Rec. Sec., Mrs. R. Pratley, Treasurer. 1955 - 1957 - President, Mrs. R. G. Byers, Camrose; 1st Vice, Mrs. C. Kehoe, Camrose; 2nd Vice, Mrs. F. Foy, Edmonton; 3rd Vice, Miss F. Kirby - Mrs. J. J. Shannon; Rec. Sec., Mrs. J. T. Evans, Edmonton; Corr. Sec., Mrs. J. Martz, Camrose; Treasurer, Miss B. Bernie Edmonton.

1957 - President, Mrs. C. D. Kelly, Edmonton; 1st Vice, Mrs. M. Laberge, Edmonton; 2nd Vice, Mrs. L. Maynard, Edmonton; 3rd Vice, Mrs. John Kehoe, Camrose; Rec. Secy., Mrs. J. H. Boyle, Edmonton; Treasurer, Miss B. Bernier, Edmonton. 1958 - President, Mrs. C. D. Kelly, Edmonton; 1st Vice, Mrs. D. Melton, Edmonton; 2nd Vice, Mrs. John Kehoe, Camrose; 3rd Vice., Rec. Secy, Mrs. J. H. Boyle, Edmonton; Cor. Sec., Mrs. S. MacLean, Edmonton; Treasurer, Miss B. Bernier, Edmonton. 1959 -1960 - President, Mrs. D. Melton, Edmonton; 1st Vice, Mrs. N. Carriere, Edmonton; 2nd Vice, Mrs. John Kehoe, Camrose; 3rd Vice, Mrs. J. H. Boyle, Edmonton; Cor. Sec., Miss M. Gardner, Edmonton; Rec. Sec., Mrs. B. L'Connor, Edmonton; Treas., Miss B. Bernier, Edmonton. 1961 - 1962 - President, Mrs. N. Carriere, Edmonton; 1st Vice, Mrs. P. Basso, Red Deer; 2nd Vice, Mrs. M. Boyle, Edmonton; 3rd Vice, Mrs. D. Timperley, Edmonton; Rec. Sec., Mrs. B. O'Connor, Edmonton; Corr. Sec., Miss May Gardner, Edmonton; Treasurer, Miss B. Bernier, Edmonton. 1962 -63 - President, Mrs. P. Basso, Red Deer; 1st Vice, Mrs. F. Timperley, Edmonton; 2nd Vice, Mrs. C. Den Ouden, Vegreville; 3rd Vice, Mrs. J. B. Moore, Jasper Place; Corr. Sec., Mrs. D. Morrow, Red Deer; Rec. Sec., Mrs. J. E. Foster, Sherwood Park; Treasurer, Miss B. Bernier, Edmonton.

ALBERTA PROVINCIAL PRESIDENTS, Years 1948 to 1963 - inclusive

Mrs. Irene Hawkes, Edmonton, 1948; Mrs. Herman Stevens, Calgary, 1950; Mrs. D. M. O'Brien, Edmonton, 1951; Mrs. P. Fitzpatrick, Grande Prairie, 1954; Mrs. F. J. Conroy, Edmonton, 1955; Mrs. E. B. Hagel, Beiseker, 1957; Mrs. J. P. Pronovost, Grande Prairie, 1959; Mrs. C. D. Kelly, Edmonton, 1961; Mrs. C. D. Kelly, Edmonton, 1962.

JUNIOR SUBDIVISIONS

As soon as the Edmonton Diocesan Council came into being in the year 1921, and especially after Archbishop O'Leary wrote to all Edmonton Diocese Parish Priests in 1923, asking for their cooperation with Mrs. J. J. Duggan in organizing the CWL in their parishes, it was felt that groups of younger women should be formed which could assist in many ways most pleasing to them and most beneficial to all. Accordingly, such Junior Subdivisions were set up, wherever it was possible to do so. Mrs. R. J. Kneil, Dominion Organizing Secretary, and Mrs. J. J. Duggan did great work in this field.

The very first of these subdivisions was the Catholic Business Girls Club in Edmonton. With Miss Edna Bakewell as the first President splendid work was done. It appears that the term "Junior" rather than "Business Girls" fitted in better with National's plans and so we see Miss Catherine McGrath presiding over a luncheon for the National Convention delegates in 1924 when the 4th Annual National Convention was held in Edmonton. Mrs. P. R. Gaboury, President of Edmonton Seniors, at this time was Convention hostess. Miss McGrath was National Convener of Juniors at or around this time. The 1925 membership of the Edmonton Juniors was one hundred according to the Diocesan Report of that year. In the 1926 Report we hear of the Edmonton Juniors assisting in the furnishing of Students' rooms at St. Joseph's College, which cost \$50.00 each. The Edmonton Diocesan Council furnished 54 of these rooms in all, twenty-two being donated by subdivisions, the balance by individuals. In Rev. Sister Monica's report

on St. Mary's Home in this same year, the "Business Girls" made the boys happy at Christmas with all kind of Christmas Cheer, complete with Santa Claus. At the 1928 Diocesan Convention, Miss Anne Fitzgerald read the 'Junior' report and a Junior subdivision was reported at St. Albert, represented by Miss Mary Flynn, who was introduced by Miss C. McGrath. Another subdivision was formed that year but I do not have the name of it. In 1932, Miss Florence Cahill brought greeting to the Diocesan Convention. Miss Eva Dillon was Edmonton Diocesan President at that time. At the 1932 Diocesan Convention, Miss Anne Fitzgerald was appointed Diocesan Convener for the Juniors. Six (6) Junior subdivisions reported at this convention as follows:- Edmonton, St. Albert, Strome, Wetaskiwin, Killam, Trochu. 1933 we find the Edmonton Juniors have added the O'Connell Institute to their Christmas work. It was also stated that the National President wished them to take up catechetical work. On the occasion of the 1934 Diocesan Convention, the Juniors served a lovely lunch to a crowded meeting in the hall of St. Joseph's Cathedral, Edmonton, on the opening night. Miss Verda Hague was president. At the Diocesan Convention in 1935 it was reported that Mrs. A. Clermont and Mrs. J. McLean were leaders in Study Club work for the Edmonton Juniors. The Wetaskiwin Juniors disbanded this year and their member

were invited to join the Senior Subdivision there. In 1936 the Juniors again act as hostess on the opening night of the Diocesan Convention. There are now only four Juniors subs., Edmonton, St. Albert, Strome, and Tomahawk, the latter organized in this same year. Nevertheless the Juniors raised \$1,211.68 that year, of which \$384.00 went for CWL Taxes and donations. Candidates for the Oratorical Contest were sponsored by a number of Junior groups. They also contributed to the Regina Debt Fund and provided treats at Christmas and Easter for St. Mary's Home, O'Connell Institute, and the Refuge. There was a National Convention period for Juniors this year and a Junior Page in the League Magazine. In 1937, it was reported that there were three active and one inactive Junior subdivisions. A talk on Dramatics, as a proper activity for Juniors was given by Miss Anne Fitzgerald. In 1938 a Study Club, chaired by Archbishop Macdonald at the Edmonton Diocesan Convention included the following Juniors:- Miss Mae Nugent, Grace Brunton, Beatrice McLennan, Mollie Holland, Jean Woysitzkz, Kay Hawkes, Elizabeth Heaton, Anna Gillis, Eileen Ford and Mae LaFleche, the subject being "The restoration to the Family of its Christian Virtues." Archbishop O'Leary died, March 5, 1938. 1939 - Edmonton Juniors appointed War Work Committee, as follows:- Mrs. M. Boyle, Misses Ellen Marie Foy, Margaret Perry, Winnie Fagan,

Rose Norrington, Kerman McGuire and Helena Maher. Year 1942 - Members 105. Rose Marie Boileau won National CWL Scholarship but unable to accept. Year 1940 - Miss Frances Allard took part in Diocesan Oratorical Contest. Year 1943 - No report available. Year 1944 - Delegates from St. Albert and Edmonton at Diocesan Convention. Gave \$50. to Edmonton Catholic Sailors Club, Vancouver. Note: In spite of the fact that I have little information on Junior CWL activities from the above year until they disbanded in 1952, I remember that they were very active, one activity being a tremendous and very worthwhile book display which they put on. I cannot remember the year. I also know that they put on a very successful tea every year for years and used the proceeds for their Christmas activities at O'Connell and the Home for Girls. I attended one of these parties and was very proud of those club members who not only provided treats but excellent entertainment, also into which they personally threw all their talents and energies with excellent results. List of officers: 1922-24 Miss Edna Bakewell; 1924-5 Miss Catherine McGrath; 1926-8 Miss Anne Fitzgerald; 1930-1 Miss Florence Esch; 1931-2 Miss Anne Fitzgerald; 1934-5 Miss Verda Hague; 1936-7 Mrs. Mamie Boyle; 1937-8 Miss Ellen Marie Foy.



MRS. F. J. (Marion) CONROY

As mentioned in the first chapter of this book, Mrs. F. J. Conroy came to the City of Edmonton in the year 1912 as a young bride. She was not a charter member of the Edmonton League but not many years passed before she was an active member. Down through the years since she has been an indefatigable C.W.L. worker. Her wide knowledge of the workings of the League and her rare talent for writing and speaking made her a most valuable asset to the Legaue organization on all its levels. In 1953, Mrs. Conroy was awarded the papal decoration, the civil "Benemerenti" medal. Part of the citation reads as follows: "Mrs. Conroy is at present serving her second term as President of the Edmonton Archdiocesan Council of the League . . . She has at all times over many years given freely of her time, great energy and talents, in promoting every type of League activity. She has also, over the yars, intrested herself in a wide range of community endeavor and is at prsent Alberta representative on the National Library Board of Canada."

—(Contributed)

1939-40 Miss Helena Maher; 1941-2 Miss Marie Fitzgerald; 1942-3 Miss Rose Norrington; 1943-4 Miss Mary Boyle; 1944-5 Miss Grace Farmer; 1946-7 Miss Theresa Hague; 1947 Miss Kay Krausert; 1948 Miss Patty Jean Quensel 1949 Miss Maureen O'Byrne; 1951 Miss Noreen Reilly; 1952 Miss Jean Irwin.

This may not be too accurate a list, since much of it I had to get by phoning some of the past presidents whose names occurred to me. My information is that the Edmonton Junior Subdivision dissolved in 1952, but as my information has been a bit hazy, I crave your indulgence for any errors and possible omissions in the above report and list of Presidents.

The Author.

ROSARY HALL

When the very first unit of the Catholic Womens' League was set up in Edmonton in the year 1912 at the suggestion of L'Abbe Casgrain who was then working at Canada's eastern seaports in the interests of women immigrants, the first step taken was to set up a Free employment bureau (there were no Government Employment Bureaus in Edmonton at that time) and, shortly after that to open a hostel for women, not only immigrant women but, also, women and girls from rural points who were coming to Edmonton in search of work.

The first CWL Hostel was at 543 - 111th Street. The following year a larger house was needed and one was found at 522 - 105 Street. Still later a property at 10043-107 Street was acquired (to which an annex was added shortly afterwards) and this was called Rosary Hall, this name being suggested by L'Abbe Casgrain to form a connecting link with a similar home in London, England, where girls stayed prior to sailing, and a similar organization in Germany, with newer ones in France and Italy that were being formed to make an international society for the protection of women. In charge of Rosary Hall was a Miss Lasky, whom some of our earlier members must have known, since many of them assisted her in the strenuous work of looking after the new-comers helping them to secure suitable employment. Miss Lasky received the munificent sum of \$50.00 per month, which she surely earned.

So,---the very first convenership of the CWL came into being and grew and grew, especially after the Sisters of Providence of Kingston, Ont., took over its management in the year 1915, finally purchasing the Gariepy

Mansion on the south-east corner of 100Ave., and 104 Street, where, with a large wing added some years later, they have been doing a fine work ever since. CWL interest and support for Rosary Hall continued until probably the onset of World War II (the records do not say exactly when) but I do know that the CWL continued to hold its monthly meetings there until space was at such a premium that a hall was no longer available for this purpose.

Facts and figures of the early days of the CWL in Edmonton are found in the Minutes of the meeting held during that period when the following parishes assisted with our work, - St. Joachim's, St. Joseph's, Sacred Heart, Immaculate Conception, St. Anthony's, Jesuit and Franciscan.

Rent of the original house was \$75.00 per month. The house on 105th Street was \$100.00 a month and those living there paid only \$4.50 per week for room and board. The Employment Bureau, for the first four months, was manned by CWL members, later, a secretary was hired for this purpose. During the first year, eighty girls applied for positions and fifty were adequately placed. A number of transients were accommodated until work was found for them. In spite of the small charges and the considerable amount of free lodging given, the first year ended with a surplus of \$850.00 some of which was raised by women in various parishes.

A Garden Party, held in 1914, was very successful and the CWL was able to pay \$1,000.00 on the furniture purchased for the house on 105th Street. The Matron reported regular boarders as numbering fifteen (15) also 75 free meals,

and \$40.00 received for meals to others than boarders. There is also an instruction in the Minutes of this period that the CWL should ask the landlady for a reduction in rent on account of the 'hard times' prevailing, also a memo re a letter from the Deputy Finance Commissioner of the City of Edmonton, asking the CWL to be as economical as possible in the use of light and water.

Reports of the annual meeting of the CWL in October, 1913, showed CWL membership to be 174 and the amount raised during the year by membership fees, entertainment and a banquet for the Knights of Columbus to be \$2,718.90. One hundred and fifty girls and women had been placed in positions and a great many other girls were kept for two or three days, at a time, free of charge.

The first mention of Mrs. J. J. Duggan's name in the Minutes occurs in the account of the December meeting in 1914. Mrs. P. R. Gaboury's name (then Rosemary Gorman) also appears for the first time at this meeting, where it was decided to give girls, without homes, a Christmas dinner for twenty-five (25) cents, each.

In February, 1915, the City was asked for a grant of \$500.00 or more to help with CWL work. The Secretary was asked to write the YWCA to send all Catholic girls to the home, also to offer \$10.00 a month to help with Travellers' Aid work.

In the year 1915, the CWL conducted a very successful St. Patrick's Day Sale of badges, the amount of \$509.08 being raised. A grant of \$250.00

a year was given by the City, presumably to cover cost of Water and Light which had formerly been supplied FREE by the City. We were also advised by Mrs. Hart that groceries for Rosary Hall could be bought wholesale thru an account at Revillon Freres.

Records show that 175 free meals were given to women and 34 to children in one month, the total being 600 free meals. Various girls and women were kept free at the Home for two or three days, each, occasionally for weeks. Rent of home was reduced somewhat.

At the Annual meeting, Mrs. Robt. Kneil was elected President and Miss Catherine McGrath, Secretary. Seventeen women offered to entertain girls in their homes.

In the month of October, 1915, the Sisters of Providence were asked to take charge of the Home. All household goods, furniture and provisions on hand were to be given to the Sisters when they took over, CWL to pay rent of house, if at any time, within a period of six months from the date of takeover, the revenue from the house would not meet expenses. Linen Shower for Rosary Hall was arranged by Mrs. E. Mahar, and Mrs. T. Ducey. The names of Miss Mary Conway and Mrs. L.A. Giroux were mentioned in the Minutes, also.

Renovating, furnishing and moving to Rosary Hall were to be paid by the CWL and any money left over from sale of shamrocks and donations at the opening were to be used for the Chapel. Mother Clement, Superior, was to use, at her discretion, any money taken in from boarders, etc., at Rosary. A piano was provided at a cost of \$165.00.

The Blessing of Rosary Hall took place on March 21st, 1915.

In the year 1916 the cash taken in for month of June \$233.21. Mother Superior reported that the furnace not large enough to heat building properly. \$400. was needed for suitable extra plant. A letter was written to owners that unless storm windows and doors provided, the CWL would not be responsible for plumbers' bills in repairing pipes burst by frost.

At the September meeting the names of Sisters Mary James and Carmelita are mentioned. Sister Superior mentioned advantages of having a summer place, which idea was approved by Archbishop Legal. A lot for this purpose was bought at Lac Ste Anne for \$400.

At the CWL meeting on Jan. 8, 1917, Rev. Mother Clements reported 26 girls residing in the Home. In view of the fact that the CWL had spent \$200 in repairs, it was moved by Mrs. Hawkins, seconded by Mrs. Wankel that - "The owners of Rosary Hall be asked to reduce the rent to \$50.00 on expiration of the lease in March".

In 1918 the summer camp at Lac Ste Anne came into being. The efforts and disappointments, the hard work and perseverance on the part of the CWL and of the three Sisters of Providence can only be recalled by those involved, since little of this appears in the Minutes of that time. However, some things that are mentioned are indeed worthy of note, the many donations of building

materials and other items; how Mr. Chisholm did the work (no mention of his helpers) and how, in 1917, the CWL served dinner to the Pilgrimage to Lac Ste Anne, clearing \$110.90 which amount was used to buy dishes and other sundries for the Camp. The Camp was planned to accommodate twenty girls and at times, as many as forty-three enjoyed its privileges, cramped as they were. In one summer 243 visitors stayed at the Camp. The CWL donated \$859.90 for the construction of the Camp. Later, a second lot was purchased for \$200. In the year 1918, receipts from the Lac Ste Anne Camp amounted to \$1,344.95. In that same year receipts from Rosary Hall were \$5,738.44 and from the 'Annex' \$947.00.

The National Catholic Womens' League was formed in the year 1920, but all the activities mentioned above took place before that date and, at the same time, the Edmonton CWL was working on a building fund for Rosary Hall. Women who served as presidents of the Edmonton CWL from 1912 to 1920 were, Mrs. S. J. Gorman, Mrs. H. B. Dawson, Mrs. Robt. Kneil, Mrs. J. J. Duggan, Mrs. Howard Thompson and Mrs. H. Hawkins.

The first World War lasted from August 1914 to Nov. 1918 and a great deal of war work was done, not only by the CWL but also by the Red Cross circles of the girls who met at 7:30 each Monday evening at Rosary Hall to sew and to knit. These Red Cross Circles reported membership of 42 women and 52 girls. For two years the Sacred Heart Parish gave a day a week at the Red Cross Depot. The Sisters at Rosary Hall kept no account of charitable

work done during this period, but a few instances which illustrate what their almost daily work was are illustrated in the following examples:-

1. A young Catholic girl was working for a very meagre wage, which she accepted after being refused elsewhere. After a few weeks, she fell ill, was carefully nursed, medical assistance procured and medicines provided and no charges made by the Sisters for maintenance during her illness.
2. A poor woman, whose husband, father and two brothers were killed 'at the front' and who was destitute except for what she received from the patriotic Fund and which she wished to use to pay for books and tuition at one of the local Business Colleges, was given her board and room, FREE, for three months, which enabled her to get a position later and maintain herself.
3. A young girl of 15 was taken from undesirable surroundings and given board and room at Rosary Hall, free, until the end of the school term and was able to get employment at a fairly good salary, besides turning out to be a sensible, self-respecting young woman.
4. A young half-breed girl, longing for pleasures which she could not afford forged a check on a certain merchant, who agreed not to prosecute, provided his money was returned. Her employer had also been robbed by her, so there was nothing left for Rosary Hall. Finally her mother came and took her home, away from the temptations of the city and when last heard from she had mended her ways.

During the winter months, a Club was organized to provide amusement

and instruction for young girls. The resident girls provided music and amusements and the Sisters provided refreshments.

Year 1919 - showed a deficit of \$320.00 from Rosary Hall and Annex but a surplus from the summer camp at Lac Ste Anne of \$429.00. The CWL contributed \$540.00 to the building fund, paying \$227.57 interest due, leaving the small balance of \$312.83. Grants from the City for light, water and phone amounted to \$350.00.

From this date on, until about ten years later, or perhaps, the time would coincide with the purchase of the Garipey House, I can find little or nothing in the records of a definite nature, but I do know that we held our meetings there for many years and that money was raised every year for Rosary Hall, except, perhaps during the depression years. However, in the Treasurer's report I find the account of a Tag Day for Rosary Hall on March 14, 1936. Another Tag Day on March 13, 1937 and in the report of the Treasurer of the Edmonton Senior Sub. of the CWL the amount of \$657.98 having been raised up to April 21, 1937 and given to Rosary Hall. Also, in 1935 that 2,448 free meals were given as well as 879 free night's lodging and the CWL contributed cash to the amount of \$507.59. In 1937 free meals given were 400. There was a Rosary Hall Tag Day on March 12, 1938 and another on March 15, 1941. We can only conclude that the Second World War ended many of the usual activities of the CWL in favor of War Work. I do not have anything from our files as to the date the Sisters of Providence bought

the Gariepy Home or the date of the large addition they added to it but we do know that the Sisters of Providence have weathered, with nobility and grace many financial and other storms and are now carrying on their 'HOME AWAY FROM HOME' on the corner of 104th Street and 100 Ave., in their usual self-sacrificing way to the benefit of many who find it, not only close to everything but, also, a high-class and safe haven of peace and rest.

Just a little story of depression days. Mr. C. B. Hill and Mr. Frank Drayton, heads of Provincial and City Welfare Departments at that time, used to tour the City at noon, in an effort to prevent the hospitals and rectories and places like Rosary Hall from begging themselves to feed the hundreds of men out of work. The Province and the City felt that the two meals a day they were providing for these men was enough, but, when one is idle, the stomach reminds its owner about food much oftener than otherwise, so all these places had their share of men looking for an extra bite. They remonstrated with Sister Monica to no avail. She insisted on giving these men whatever could be spared because, as she said, "My mother would turn over in her grave if I refused a hungry man a bite to eat." God Bless her.



MRS. JOHN J. DUGGAN

Life Story An Inspiration

Mrs. John J. Duggan, one of the truly great names in C.W.L. history, was born in Alexandria, Ontario, the daughter of James MacDonald and Catherine MacMillan. As Margaret MacDonald she came to Alberta in 1892 at the age of 17. In 1894 she was married in the little church at St. Albert to John J. Duggan who hailed from Lindsay, Ontario. Shortly afterwards they moved to Strathcona, the name by which South Edmonton was known in those days, and where they built a comfortable home, prospered, and where Mr. Duggan was mayor in the years 1904-1905 and 1909. Two sons were born to the couple, Neil and Jack. Mrs. Duggan died on July 23, 1945, at the age of 75.

Mrs. Duggan had leadership qualities of the highest order which the League, diocesan and national, recognized to the full. In 1922 she became the first Diocesan President of the Edmonton Archdiocesan League. Three years later she was elected First Vice-President of the National C.W.L. of Canada. In 1927 she was elected to the League's highest office, the National Presidency. On April 23, 1931, she received the Papal Decoration "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice" from the hands of the late Archbishop O'Leary of blessed memory, the first woman west of the Great Lakes to receive the honor.

Sisters of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd

The first available report of CWL help to the Sisters of the Good Shepherd is given in the printed account of what appears to be the first Edmonton Diocesan Convention in the year 1922, when the Auxilliary to the Good Shepherd Sisters under the convenership of Mrs. Edward Underwood, held its first meeting in the Separate School Hall on January 29th, the following ladies being elected officers: President, Mrs. Edward Underwood; 1st Vice, Mrs. J. O'Hanlan; 2nd Vice Mrs. M. Flood; 3rd Vice, Mme C. Barrie; 4th Vice, Mme. A. Dow; 5th Vice, Mrs. McCabe; 6th Vice, Mrs. Scott; 7th Vice Miss N. Cassidy, Secty., Mrs. P.K. Hunt; Treasurer, Mrs. M. J. Fitzgerald.

Conveners: House Committee - Mrs. J.K. Cornwall & Mrs. J.W. Heffernan; Childrens' Aid - Mrs. M. Flood; Parishes Conveners: Mrs. M. Munshaw, St. Anthony's; Mrs. F. Dynes, St. Joseph's; Mme Poirier, St. Joachim's; Mrs. Rowell, Sacred Heart; Mme Dow, Immaculate Conception; Mrs. Malone, Franciscan; Mrs. C. Roberts, Jesuit. The Treasurer's report listed receipts as \$5,194.20. Total expenditures include the payment of one-third debt on the Good Shepherd Home and \$191.68 for clothing, boots and treats for the Childrens' Aid Boarding School. The Sisters reported the care of 33 delinquent girls and protection for 34 little girls. The next available report is taken from the 1926 Convention Report on

CWL work. Mrs. Edward Underwood as Diocesan President and convener of the Good Shepherd Auxilliary reported that she and her committee had raised the amount of \$2,031.58 and that the Sisters had an average of 100 girls at all times and had supplemented their funds by laundry work, teaching, etc. In the year 1927, Mrs. J. J. Kelly of Wetaskiwin was Convener. No details. Mrs. W. J. Connolly was Diocesan President. Years 1929-30 orphans at the Good Shepherd numbered 120. CWL raised \$1,660.50. The sum of \$2,000.00 obtained from a bequest, was divided equally among Rosary Hall, Sisters of Service, Good Shepherd and St. Mary's Home. No records available until 1932 when the Treasurer's report showed a total of \$5,899.71 of which \$5,648.01 was disbursed to the following institutions - St. Mary's Home, Sisters of the Atonement, Rosary Hall, Good Shepherd Home and O'Connell Institute, Church Extension, League Magazine and Sisters of Service. Mrs. E. N. Kennedy was then convener of the Good Shepherd Home, total receipts raised by means of showers, card parties, teas and donations being \$1,832.28. Year 1933 - Mrs. E. N. Kennedy raised \$477.74 for Good Shepherd Home, by card parties, teas and Tag Days. Year 1934 - Mrs. E. N. Kennedy raised \$888.97. Junior CWL raised \$152.00 most of which was spent on clothing and toys for sixty little girls at O'Connell. Donations came also from Trochu, Wetaskiwin Seniors

and Camrose. The Sisters collected further amounts by begging in other localities.

Year 1935 - Miss C. McGrath was Diocesan President. Mrs. P. R. Gaboury gave her year's report, starting a convenership which lasted until 1962, or 28 years, a record even for the CWL. Mrs. Gaboury reported 45 delinquent girls and 80 little girls in O'Connell Institute. Fifteen subdivisions made donations of cash or provisions during the year. The children at O'Connell receive Public High School and Commercial education and are also taught sewing. 'Lilac Tea' held in Spring and, in this year, 1935, a tea and shower at the 96 Street Home for Delinquent girls was held in the Fall. The annual Tag Day had to be cancelled this same year owing to the prevalence of poliomyelitis.

With Improved times, Mrs. Gaboury appealed to rural subdivisions for donations of food and farm produce and suggested that some subdivisions might like to form knitting centers to make various articles for the small children. The following subdivisions sent donations for several years - Alliance, Bashaw, Big Valley, Bawlf, Castor, Consort, Edson, Galahad, Jasper, Lacombe, Lloyd-minister, Lumni, Olds, Ponoka, Prague, Red Deer, Stettler, Three Hills, Trochu, Tofield, Vegreville, Vermilion, Viking, Warspite and Wetaskiwin.

Year 1936 - Mrs. F. J. Conroy was Dios. Pres. Mrs. Gaboury reported affairs at both Homes. Annual Tag Day in September by Edmonton Senior CWL - Tea and shower in October - In November large card-party put on by Sacred Heart ladies, with raffle of hand-embroidered dinner-cloth and napkins done by

the Sisters. On Easter Monday, Bridge party at the Macdonald Hotel and in June, Lilac Tea at O'Connell. Gift from estate - \$200.00. Edmonton Juniors raised \$140.00 at telephone Bridge which was used for Xmas. treats at both homes. Also raised money for Easter Treats.

Year 1937 - Mrs. F. J. Conroy - Dios. Pres. - Financial report shows \$749.54 raised for Good Shepherd.

Year 1938 - Mrs. Neil Ross - Dios. Pres. - \$779.88 raised for Good Shepherd.

Year 1939 - Mrs. Neil Ross - Dios. Pres. - Delinquent girls home still on 96 Street. Small girls at Primrose Place, (given to Sisters by Mr. Wm. O'Connell, who bought the H. J. Dawson Mansion in Forest Heights and presented it to the Sisters as a Home for their orphan girls. There were 90 of them and the Orphanage was named O'Connell Institute.

Year 1940 - Mrs. I. Hawkes - Dios. Pres. - Amount raised by convener \$1,549.67. Four CWL subdivisions contributed food and produce. Edmonton Juniors entertained small children at O'Connell and delinquent girls at 86 St. Home.

Year 1941 - All homes generously helped.

Years - 1942 - 1943 - Mrs. J. J. Duggan - Dios. President - Mrs. P. R. Gaboury and Mrs. E. Foley gave reports for each home. Due to the splendid support of the Edmonton Community Chest these ladies report being relieved of the necessity for raising funds for these Homes. Sisters have invited CWL

members and their friends to the Lilac Tea at the Good Shepherd Home - 11409 - 96 Street. Amount donated was \$350.00.

1944 - Mrs. Gaboury reports that, after years of strenuous effort, the mortgage on the 96th Street Home has been paid. This was probably the second year of the Community Chest, as there is a memo from executive meeting as follows:-

'That a discussion be held at a Senior Subdivision level, on the publication of an auditor's statement of the Community Chest, previous to the next campaign and that the presence of Tag Days is a deterrent to the success of the Community Chest Drive.'

Year 1945 - Mrs. G. Dearing - Dios. Pres. - Mrs. Gaboury named the following as members of her committee - Mrs. E. Foley, Mrs. F. Dynes - Miss E. Stuart - Mrs. C. D. Kelly, Mrs. E. Dostaler, Mrs. James Hague and Miss Hilda O'Gorman.

1947-1948 - Mrs. D. M. O'Brien - Dios. Pres. - Lilac Tea netted \$264.

1949-1950 - Mrs. R. Pratley - Dios. Pres. - 96th Street property disposed of and Sisters of Charity Training School for delinquent girls will be located on property near O'Connell institute - 25 subdivisions giving support to two homes.

Margaret Duggan subdivision put on party for Training School girls at 'Xmas at 96th Street, with candy and gifts for all. Games and carol singing. Edmonton Jrs. put on 'Xmas party at O'Connell Inst. Gave 110 baskets at Easter. Halloween party in October. Played games with children on two

Sundays and served lunch, in January. February featured Valentine Party. Lilac Tea at O'Connell on June 10th.

Year 1951 - Mrs. R. Pratley - Dios. Pres. - Resigned during year on account of husband's death, Mrs. F. J. Conroy taking over. Mrs. P. R. Gaboury still convener for Good Shepherd Sisters. \$200.00 raised by St. Anthony's subdivision (Edmonton) for equipment for gymnasium at Training School with 25 subdivisions, practically the same ones as are mentioned previously, continued their assistance in produce, clothing and some cash.

Year 1952 - Mrs. F. J. Conroy - Dios. Pres. - Mrs. Gaboury reported 125 small girls at O'Connell - 25 subdivisions still donating - Entertainment provided by Margaret Duggan and Junior subdivisions. Opening of 'Our Lady of Charity Training School' on Sept. 9, 1951 provides modern and beautiful setting for rehabilitation of more than 100 girls, under the direction of the Provincial Dept. of Education - Academic, Commercial and Domestic training given.

Year - 1953 - Mrs. F. J. Conroy - Dios. Pres. - Mrs. Gaboury gave detailed account of donations and entertainment provided by Margaret Duggan subdivision and paid special and moving tribute to Mrs. M. J. Fitzgerald who died in February last and who had been treasurer of the Good Shepherd Auxilliary for forty years. Year 1954 - Mrs. F. J. Conroy - Dios. Pres. -

Year 1954 - Mrs. F. J. Conroy - Dios. Pres. - Convention delegates and visitors visited both houses - O'Connell has 126 girls, 55 of them under

school age. Children entertained visitors with singing and dancing. Edmonton Community Chest lauded for assistance. Year 1955 - Mrs. R. Byers, Camrose - Dios. Pres. - Mrs. Gaboury unable to be present at Dios. Convention. Reported a much-needed addition to O'Connell Institute being planned. The new building will include additional sleeping accommodation, a gymnasium and a wading pool. Donations of money, clothing and food sent in by 23 subdivisions. Lilac Tea held in June. Juniors gave party at O'Connell. 1956 - Mrs. R. Byers - Dios. Pres. - Convention at Vegreville - Addition to O'Connell completed and known as the McCuaig Hall, in honor of Mr. Stan H. McCuaig, Q.C. a benefactor of the Institute for many years and largely responsible for promoting the erection of the new addition. 130 little girls there. Annual Lilac Tea. Training School and O'Connell remembered at Christmas by Margaret Duggan and the Junior subdivisions. Girls at Training School appreciate the opportunity to become useful citizens. Training, love and care of the Sisters appreciated by the majority of them.

Year 1957 - Mrs. C. D. Kelly - Dios. Pres. - Convention at Vermilion.

Lilac Tea nets \$1,000.00.

Year 1958 - Mrs. C. D. Kelly - Dios. Pres. - Convention in Edmonton.

Lilac Tea nets \$1,200.00.

Year 1959 - Mrs. L. T. Melton - Dios. Pres. - Convention in Camrose.

140 children at O'Connell - High percentage of reform in girls at Training School.

Year - 1960 - Mrs. L. T. Melton - Dios. Pres. - Convention - Red Deer.

Mrs. Gaboury reports that the Training School is becoming too small. Also, that since the Community Chest started, all the proceeds of the Lilac Tea have been used to buy clothing and shoes for the little girls at O'Connell Institute.

Year 1961 - Mrs. R. Carriere - Dios. Pres. - Convention - Edmonton. Similar report. The Sisters of the Good Shepherd complete 49 years of service in Edmonton.

Year 1962 - Mrs. R. Carriere - Dios. Pres. - Mrs. Gaboury reports that this is the Jubilee year for the Sisters of the Good Shepherd in Edmonton. Their vital task of reclaiming unfortunate young women and extending loving arms to helpless little children is known and loved throughout the world. During the year just past, a group of University students entertained twenty of the older girls from O'Connell to a turkey dinner. Margaret Duggan subdivision remembered the children at O'Connell with a generous check at 'Xmas and gave a 'Xmas party for the girls at the Training School. These girls, thru the selfless devotion of a group of women of all faiths are given weekly instructions in self-improvement handicraft, knitting, basket weaving, sewing, copper work, etc. thus opening vistas of possibilities for work and leisure-time activities. These ladies deserve our grateful thanks and appreciation.

The GOLDEN JUBILEE OF THE SISTERS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, in Edmonton, was a most joyous occasion, not only for the Sisters, but, also, for their innumerable friends in Edmonton and district, of all faiths, who came to the TEA on Sunday, June 3rd. to help celebrate a glorious fifty years of service

in the service of Him, Who said, when on earth, "Suffer the little ones to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

This includes not only the small children who have been cared for so devotedly and lovingly, but also the older girls, who have, we have reason to hope, been made aware of the possibilities for them, of a happy, decent and useful life, by the unfailing help and encouragement of the Sisters in charge of the Training School. The Gold and White of the beautiful decorations in the Assembly Hall at O'Connell, a motif borne out even in the flowers and candles on the tea-tables, signified to many much more than the usual colors for such an occasion, - they signified the 'pure gold' of good deeds done for the love of God and suffering humanity and also, the white of innocence preserved or happily regained. The crowds of well-wishers who flocked in, despite a 'rainy Sunday' testified to the appreciation of all, not only for the work of the Sisters and their friends but also for the indefatigable energy of Mrs. Gaboury, who completed twenty-eight(28) years of service to this great work on this occasion. Most Rev. Archbishop J.H. MacDonald, Lieut. Governor the Honorable Mr. Percy Page and Mrs. Page, many, many priests and other persons, important in the civic and religious life of Edmonton were among the guests. The voluntary contributions received amounting to over \$1,750.00 testified to the appreciation of those present. As usual, this will be used for shoes and clothing for the children in need of such items, only a small portion being Government charges and many of the others needing

various items not otherwise provided for.

This Sunday also commemorative of Rev. Mother Annunciation's fifty years in the Order, a glorious fifty years of devotion and self-sacrifice, always with a smile. It also completes twenty-eight years of devoted service as CWL convener for Mrs. P. R. Gaboury, the longest, I think of any CWL Convener. Our heartfelt thanks are due her. God bless her and the good Sisters and all who help and sustain their efforts and constant care and love for 'His little ones.'

ST. MARY'S HOME FOR BOYS
(Sisters of Providence.)

CWL work for St. Mary's Home for Boys, as a Diocesan project, started in the year 1923, with Mrs. F. R. Munshaw, of Edmonton as Diocesan Convener, at the suggestion of Rev. Father Patton, Pastor of St. Joseph's Cathedral parish, then operating as St. Joseph's Parish. The sisters of Providence were in charge. The location was a three-story building called the Aezelia Apartments, situated on the southeast corner of 108 St. and 83 Ave., later called St. Mary's Home.

Contributions to this work from October 13, 1923, to June 6, 1925, amounted to \$2,839.48. In the 1925 report we find that CWL members had visited St. Mary's Home very frequently. There were fifty (50) boys there, at that time, only twenty-one (21) of whom were paying anything towards their keep.

Receipts from the CWL in 1925 amounted to \$833.33 from eleven subdivisions. Food and clothing were donated by nine subdivisions. Mrs. Frank Moher was a most capable sewing convener. The Junior CWL members provided Merry Xmas for the boys, with the traditional Santa Claus always and the entrepreneurs among the boys, busily engaged in trading their gifts half an hour after receiving them. Rev. Father Lyons (now Msgr. Lyons), inaugurated a Little Flower Dollar Club to help the work.

In 1926 a shower, under the auspices of the Diocesan CWL took place at the Home. Total receipts from October 1, 1925 to August 31, 1926 were \$4,998.42, with expenses of the Home totalling \$6,105.11. New fire-

escapes, pavillion, taxes and insurance were included in general expenses.

Rev. Sister Monica was Matron.

Unfortunately there was a blank space here, of which I have no record, up to 1936.

In 1936 there were forty (40) boys in the Home, twelve of whom were under the care of the Provincial Child Welfare Dept., three on Civic Relief, and relatives paying for six. \$638.52 was raised by CWL in 1936. Mrs. Munshaw still Diocesan Convener.

March 1938, Telephone Bridge for the Home.

In December, 1941 St. Mary's Home was located in a renovated Fire Hall in North Edmonton. In Jan. 1942 - Tea and Grocery Shower - Cash \$127.15.

April 1939 - Fifty-two (52) at St. Mary's Home.

April 1940 - Forty-six (46) boys at St. Mary's Home (fourteen (14) are Govt. Wards.

Oct. 14 1940 - Tag Day - No record of proceeds.

My remembrance is that the CWL had a Tea and Shower for St. Mary's Home practically every year, but records of such being unavailable, I cannot say for sure just which years are covered.

In 1941 - a Total of \$593.62 (including a grant secured from an estate by Eva Dillon, went to St. Mary's Home.

June 3, 1944 - Tea and Grocery shower - Proceeds Cash \$123.50

May 26, 1946 - Tea and Grocery shower - Proceeds Cash \$120.00

June 10, 1946 - Tea and Grocery shower - Proceeds Cash \$202.00

Oct. 7, 1947 - 2 boxes Kiwanis apples to each orphanage.

March 1948 - \$15.00 given for sports equipment.

May 17, 1948 - 75 boys at St. Mary's Home - North Edmonton. Mrs.

L. Maynard reported \$202.50 from Tea. (Still in old Fire Hall building).

April 10, 1949 - Mrs. L. Maynard reported 60 boys at St. Mary's Home.

Camp at Lac Ste Anne bought by men's committees - CWL raised \$150.00 at Tea.

May 31, 1949 - Tea \$209.00. Oct. 1949 - Mrs. Maynard arranged

with RCMP to have the boys given physical training once a week at RCMP

Barracks. Also, thru the efforts of Miss Eva Dillon, one of our Diocesan Pres-

idents, St. Mary's Home received a donation from a private estate, for several

years. Amount \$200.00 a year. Year 1950 - Tea put on by Edmonton Sr. Sub-

division took in \$264.00. There were also cash donations from the following sub-

divisions; - Camrose, Duhamel, St. Peter's, Stettler, Spring Lake, Strome, Viking,

amounting to \$56.75, and a Tea sponsored by St. Francis Parish, Edmonton, netted

\$264.00. Making a total, according to Mrs. Moerke of Strome, who was Diocesan

Convener at the time, of \$590.75. The Salesian Fathers took over in the year

1951 and proceeded to work for a more suitable place for the boys which they now

have. The old St. Mary's under the direction of the Sisters of Providence did an

outstanding work over many years. God bless the good Sisters for their devoted

service and may God continue to bless St. Mary's under the guidance of the

Salesian Fathers.

THE C.W.L. WAR WORK

Just two years after the first unit of the Catholic Womens' League came into being in Canada, the first World War was declared on August 4th, 1914 and lasted until November 11th, 1918, the day on which the Armistice was declared.

The branches of the CWL in Edmonton rose to the challenge and did a truly tremendous amount of War Work. Red Cross Circles which were formed for the making of various garments, received 5,000 items from one Parish, alone. This would no doubt, include a great deal of knitted garments. Working parties took regular days at the Red Cross Depot in Edmonton. Cakes, puddings, tobacco, cigarettes, magazines, toothpaste, candy., etc., were sent to our fighting men. Workers volunteered for various patriotic Tag Days. In the year 1917 the work undertaken for the Red Cross thru the parochial branches in Edmonton, resulted in 10,646 articles being sent to the FRONT, the various parishes assisting as follows:-

South Edmonton.....	1,034	articles
West End Parishes.....	2,621	"
East End ".....	4,815	"
Separate School.....	1,680	"
Rosary Hall Girls.....	496	"
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In February, 1915, as seen in a letter from Archbishop Legal, the Churches were contributing to the Patriotic Fund, the Public Welfare Fund and to Belgian Relief, Donations of money were made to the Red Cross Society, the Returned Soldiers' Fund, the Fund for Widows and Orphans of Soldiers and to the Prisoners of War Fund. 145 boxes were sent to soldiers at the front, money

to cover mailing costs being collected by CWL members at the various churches.

A breakfast was given to the 31st Edmonton Battalion on its departure overseas

and concerts were given at the Military Hospitals for convalescent soldiers.

Letters of acknowledgement from men at the FRONT contained many heart-

warming references to the good done by these parcels. Even such an insign-

ificant item (to us) as candles enclosed in parcels received, brought forth this

item, culled from one of the many letters received, "I shall always have

grateful remembrance of the candles enclosed in the parcel. The same night

that the parcel arrived we were all plunged in darkness on account of Air Raids

which lasted for quite a long time. No one minded the light of a candle,

however, and its little light was quite a relief and pleasure to quite a few

wounded men."

A letter from Rev. Captain Daniel, late of St. Joseph's Parish, who

went overseas as Chaplain with the 51st Battalion, deserves to be given in full:

53-Greencourt Place, London, S.W.1.

Dec. 28, 1917

Dear Sisters and friends:

Your Christmas Box has just come to hand and cheered up my spirits this afternoon.

At the present moment, I have got one of Father Hetu's excellent cigars in my mouth and my eating apparatus is comfortably full of the nice little round cake which I have been sharing with a soldier visitor for 'afternoon Coffee' made from the tin you sent.

You can have no idea how much pleasure your kind remembrance gives me. It is certainly great to realize that time and distance have not blotted out the memory of poor Father Dan.

We were so busy over Christmas that we were all worn out. The CWL (in England) gave a free supper after Midnight Mass and a wonderful

turkey dinner on Christmas Day. Women-folk are just about the same the world over when actuated by Catholic motives and one finds the same cheerful souls over here as at home.

I am hoping to have a great extension of Catholic activities in the near future and will keep you in touch with them.

In the meantime, think sometimes of and pray often for,

Yours very gratefully in J.C.

IVOR DANIEL, O.M.I.

P.S. - Several Edmontonians at the CWL dinner, G. Butler from the D.C. Club, Dolinghan (Imm.Conc.Parish) Farrell (Scona) etc.

World War II started in 1939 and ended in 1945.

The only item I can find in our Minutes, bearing the date '1939' is one which states that Rev. Father J. Malone, now Chaplain for nearly 400 Catholic soldiers in the Edmonton Garrison, thanked the CWL for their offer of assistance to the soldiers in the way of promoting recreational activities. The CWL had added a new convenership, that of 'War Services' during 1940. At the request of Mrs. T. H. Hay, then National President, the CWL of Canada raised \$25,000 which they gave to the Government of Canada to be used for general War purposes. Edmonton Diocesan took part, under the convenership of Mrs. L. F. LaFleche, contributing \$700.00.

Our CWL Chaplain, Rt. Rev. J. A. MacLellan, who enlisted in Sept., 1940, went overseas in the spring of 1941. Shortly after arrival overseas he was named R.C. Second Brigade Chaplain. He served in the Mediterranean with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment at time of Sicilian invasion.

Money was raised for DITTY BAGS for our men in the Navy and for Red Cross Work, which engaged the attention of the majority of our members who could sew or knit or send parcels of food to the 'boys' overseas. Mrs. D. M. O'Brien was a very efficient convener. \$ 324.13 was given to the

Archbishop for the 'Relief of Orphans' Fund and Prisoners of War fund. Lord Southwood's Hospital was also supported.

A Spiritual Bouquet was sent to overseas troops at Christmas, 1942.

Several Communion breakfasts were given to troops leaving for overseas.

Prayers for peace preceded every CWL meeting. In the year 1943, the following report was given at the Diocesan Convention, - Ambulance for Service in Britain given, cost \$1,847.00, 211 DITTY BAGS, value \$1,266.00, sent to Catholic Sailors' Club, Vancouver for the men of the MERCHANT MARINE. RED CROSS- 788 pairs hand knitted socks, 647 pairs mitts, together with helmets, scarves, and sweaters; 1,947 sewn articles, 1,047 garments cut out; \$344.40 donated to Red Cross activities; 306 articles to evacuee sewing; 104 quilts; 176 members assisted in Red Cross workrooms, 1,054 hours. 3,756 books, magazines, etc., sent to army, navy and airforce headquarters; \$810.70 raised for War Services; 173 boxes sent to overseas personnel; 74,180 cigarettes sent to chaplains and soldiers; 530 Rosaries given for distribution overseas; \$74.70 given for cigarette and gum fund.

World War II started in August, 1939 and ended on May 6, 1945.

Six long years of 'blood, sweat and tears' for so many and, also, for so many of our fighting men more long years of hospitalization, for some of them for life, and for others years in which they would need every care and attention if they were ever to return to normal living.

At the Edmonton CWL Diocesan Convention in 1944, the following

resolution was passed - "Whereas, there are many problems of Reconstruction that will require earnest and serious thought for an intelligent and proper solution, and WHEREAS, the organization of the CWL is based on service 'For God and Canada' THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, "That each District Subdivision appoint a convener to study the question of Rehabilitation in order that our members may make the best possible individual contribution and also cooperate to the fullest extent with other agencies identified with the work of Post War reconstruction."

In the Minutes of a January 27th, 1945, Executive meeting Report, the following appears:- "The matter of supplying visitors for an official CWL visiting day at the new Veterans' Hospital was taken up. It was agreed that the CWL should do this, the visitors to be representatives of the three local subdivisions, it is understood that the duty of visiting will fall upon a small number of individuals as it carries with it the necessity of taking a course in training. Only people who have taken this course are acceptable to the hospital authorities as visitors from organizations. The training is given at a course of six lectures for which those who are able and willing to give the time must register."

In the year 1946 - the furnishing of a Lounge Room in Mewburn Hospital is much to the fore and satisfaction is expressed at the magnificent cooperation given by so many of our subdivisions. "It is a great satisfaction to all the officers of the Diocesan Council that, in this undertaking, all our subdivisions worked together so enthusiastically, each one willing and anxious to bear its share of

the work and the responsibility. Our Diocesan President at that time, Mrs. Gertrude Dearing, worked harder than anyone else. Further from the Minutes, - "A Purchasing Committee to attend to getting the needed furniture was appointed, consisting of Mrs. Dearing, the presidents of the three Edmonton subdivisions (or their alternates) and Mrs. D. M. O'Brien, War Work Convener. On March 16th and 17th a Bazaar was put on for WAR WORK AND REHABILITATION - In Memorial Hall - which was very successful; later a Carnival on the Hudsons' Bay Parking lot also was very successful, so that there was plenty of money to furnish our CWL Lounge Room in Mewburn Hospital, initial cost \$1,800. The Lounge Room was beautifully furnished and returned men made good use of its facilities.

At Christmas a party was put on for the soldier patients with Mrs. Coleman as convener. Hospital visiting, at this time, was in charge of Mrs. B. LaFreniere of Edmonton, later appointed War Work Convener.

To go back a bit - Soldiers Breakfasts, Jan. 1941 - one hundred and fifty men, March 11, 1941 - 100 men sponsored by K. of C. Army Huts and catered by the CWL. All these men were leaving for overseas.

War Savings stamps purchased - \$553.75 - One thousand dollar Bond purchased by Stettler Subdivision., \$500. by Edmonton Juniors.

The CWL Provincial Council, for Alberta was approved at the 1943 Diocesan Convention. In the Campaign for Peace, launched by National

Council of the CWL, the Edmonton Senior subdivision asked each of its members to say the Rosary on 14th of each month.

In April, 1943, letter from National Finance re selling War Savings Stamps. Booths set up in various stores and manned by CWL women. Mrs. O'Brien reported War Services Carnival, also that dances for soldiers were taken care of by the Junior Hostesses. Also telephone Bridge for War work.

In April, 1943, it was decided to have a Mass said each month for the Edmonton men in the Armed Forces. \$10.00 sent to Chinese War Relief Fund. In September a letter was received from National War Services asking that some of the knitting done by CWL members be sent to them for exhibition. At the September meeting in 1943, Mrs. Jordan (Archbishop Jordan's mother) brought in a very large amount of knitting, etc., for Ditty Bags, made or collected by herself. 11 Sweaters, 18 Tuckins - 2 helmets - 12 pairs socks - 3 pairs mitts - 17 chocolate bars - 3 packs gum - 2 bags candy - 2 tubes shaving cream, 1 package Razor blades and one of cigarettes - 1 book - Cash \$8.00 and later - 1 sweater, 5 helmets - 1 pair seaman's socks - 1 pair mitts - 2 pairs socks and \$1.00.

Jan. 1944, - Mrs. F. R. Munshaw appointed CWL representative on Salvage Section Com, under War Services Council - Altar cloth given to Chapel at Air Survivors School. (acknowledged by Rev. Fr. Ketchen).

March, 1944 - Appeal for prayers from Canadian Catholic Chaplains' Services, printed forms to be distributed in parishes.

May, 1944 - 150 Ditty Bags to be distributed to parishes to be filled.

June, 1944 - 2 parcels, each month, to be sent to prisoners of war.

Dec., 1944 - Mrs. O'Brien reported 128 Ditty Bags ready for mailing.

62 from Edmonton, 66 from rural subs. Stamp Bar took in \$70.00 in December.

Dec., 1945 - Mrs. F. J. Conroy appointed to City Rehabilitation Committee. Also was Chairman of Alberta Womens' Regional Advisory Committee to the Wartime Prices & Trade Board, for upwards of six years. Received MBE from King George VI in recognition of her wartime services in this field. Mrs. C. recommended that the booklet "Back to Civil Life" be placed in the hands of everyone in the Armed Forces and also to 'next of kin', so that all will know what a grateful country is prepared to do for its wartime heroes and heroines on their discharge.

Total War Savings stamps sold in 1945 - \$582.00.

May 8, 1945 - V. E. Day - Stamp Bar still open - All Ditty Bags and knitting given out.

Sept., 1945 - Record player purchased for Mewburn Lounge Room. Raffle of Bridge Cloth and serviettes for treats for soldier patients in Mewburn. Tony Cashman donated 100 records for player.

Dec., 1945 - Christmas tree and gifts for Mewburn patients in our ward. Beautiful large fern given by Mrs. J. Imrie. 1948 - Treats at Mewburn \$65.50.

Sept., 1946 - Gramophone repairs at Mewburn - Also Catholic Bible

placed in Lounge Room as well as magazines and the 'WESTERN CATHOLIC'.

Jan. 8, 1946 - Stamp Bar discontinued.

Dec. 9, 1947 - \$35.00 given Miss O'Gorman for Mewburn treats at Christmas. Extra parcels at Christmas for 125 patients who are visited once a month.

June 16, 1948 - Card Party at Memorial Hall for Mewburn Hospital expenses of CWL.

April 10, 1949 - Miss O'Gorman and her committee still visiting patients in Mewburn. Gifts at Christmas for 35 men. After the Edmonton Senior Sub. of the CWL dissolved the various parishes took over visiting at Mewburn.

May, 1954 - Edmonton Diocesan spent \$390.38 for new curtains and for covering chairs in CWL Lounge at Mewburn.

On his return from overseas Rev. Father J. A. MacLellan resumed his CWL Diocesan Chaplaincy. At same time he was named by the D.V.A. as Chaplain at the Mewburn Hospital which position he held from 1947 to August 1960.

EDMONTON DIOCESAN C.W.L. LIBRARY

From the very earliest years of the Catholic Womens' League in Edmonton, it was recognized that our members needed the stimulation of good reading matter if they were to grow in stature and take their places in the cultural life of this province. A LIBRARY was the logical answer. But even before this was possible, a re-mailing committee, under the convener-ship of Mrs. L. A. Giroux, was set up and, thru this channel our rural members were kept in touch with the work of the CWL and of the zealous priests, especially thru the instrumentality of the Western Catholic. Then, quite apart from the re-mailing committee, an Extension Library was set up, principally for the benefit of those in rural areas.

In Mrs. Underwood's report, as Edmonton Diocesan President, given in 1925, a Diocesan Circulating Library, with 700 books on its shelves, is mentioned. Books had been sent out to subdivisions in lots of from 10 to 50, to be kept for a period of not more than three months. These books were acquired thru showers and individual donations. In the year 1926 report, a record of the acquiring of bookcases and various library supplies shows that around \$200.00 was spent for this purpose. His Grace Archbishop O'Leary and Mr. Justice Beck both made valuable contributions of books to the initial library. Miss Constance Magee was in charge of the technical side of loaning the books, not only to out-of-town borrowers but to seventy borrowers in Edmonton, who, even as early as 1925 used them in their

Study Clubs. Later Miss Margaret Doherty and, I believe, Miss Hazel Doherty were in charge, possibly at different times. Mrs. Walter Trainor is mentioned in the 1933 CWL Report as Library Convener. Mrs. Stella Hugill was convener in 1933. Later as Mrs. S. Gysin she was Convener in 1939, when 100 books from the CWL Diocesan Library were presented to St. Joseph's College Library, with the approval and consent of Archbishop Macdonald. A plaque was to be placed over the section of St. Joseph's College Library to commemorate the Edmonton Diocesan as donors. Mrs. Gysin left for Toronto in 1940. World War II having broken out in 1939 and lasting until 1945, there was little time or inclination for anything but War Work, so there is quite a gap here in our Library reports. In 1945, Miss Elizabeth Stuart reported 25 new books added to the CWL Library and that the Catholic Truth Society was to supply the rest of the books on her list, as soon as possible.

In October, 1947, St. Joseph's Seminary (then located on 100 Ave. and 110 Street) asked for certain books from the CWL Library. Acknowledgement of receipt of these books, 600 in number was received from St. Joseph's Seminary on May 30, 1948, signed by John Sheffield. The amount of \$45.00 approximately, was spent on the Library during 1948. 20 new books had been added and the library books had been transferred to the book-shelves in the Cathedral Hall, Miss Cathleen Conroy to be in charge while Miss Stuart was in England. In 1950, it was reported that 33 new volumes had been added, making the total of new books, 119, with more new books on order.

Circulation of books during the year was 150. Lists of books available were distributed by Miss Stuart. It was stressed that the Library is free, even to subdivisions outside of Edmonton, except that, if a subdivision was requesting books, if they would enclose a postal note for \$1.00 that would pay for the postage, both ways, for several months. Year 1952.

In 1959, it being no longer possible for us to keep our books and book-cases in St. Joseph's Cathedral Hall, on account of the building up of the new Cathedral, the CWL accepted the offer of the Marion Centre for housing of the Library there. Cataloguing of the books for this purpose was done at an expense of \$25.00. Mrs. A. Woodman at this time took charge since Miss Stuart had resigned after many years of most faithful service. She had housed the CWL Library in her own apartment and had, personally kept them in good order and available to anyone requesting them, even to parcelling and mailing and keeping track of all books outstanding.

In 1961, Mrs. Woodman thanked the Councils which had sent in donations for the Library and advised that books were available. In 1962, the Catholic Centre being located on Jasper Ave., near St. Joseph's Cathedral, it was decided that it would be more convenient for people to take out books from this location. Consequently, our books are now on loan to the Catholic Centre but are catalogued separately and still available.

Year 1962 - Mrs. A. C. Woodman reported that, during the year, with the approval of the CWL Executive, the CWL Library was loaned to the Catholic

Information Centre, 11235 Jasper Avenue, under the direction of Mr. Thurston Smith, who agreed to return the books, on request of the CWL.

All donations received from the Councils for Library work last year have been used to pay the rent for space at the Marion Centre. From now on donations will be used to purchase new Books and repair old ones.

Members from rural points may still write in for books, free of charge but members from the City must call in for their own. A nominal fee of ten cents is asked from City members. Books loaned in the city must be returned in two weeks, while rural readers may keep theirs for one month. The Sisters of St. Joseph of London have graciously given us space in their new convent at 10120-135 Ave., to store our Records and Archives. Records of the past fifty years, including 1962 are now filed there.

SISTERS OF SERVICE

In a copy of the *Ottawa Catholic Times*, dated July 10, 1931, I came across the report of the work of the Sisters of Service in Edmonton and district, given by our Mrs. J. W. Connolly, when she was National Convener, a very competent report, indeed. I shall be able to use only a small portion of this excellent report as follows:-

"The Institute of the Sisters of Service is a missionary organization, founded in Canada nine (9) years ago (year 1922) and having as its object the care of immigrants coming to this country. Wearing a simple grey habit, the Sisters established small communities in sparsely settled missions, where they catechize children, take charge of small hospitals and schools and engage in various charitable and social works. At the Ocean Ports, the Sisters meet the boats and assist the immigrant in various ways, and in the large cities across the Dominion, they are in charge of Hostels for the reception and care of immigrant girls. Since the inception of the Institute in 1922, the National Catholic Women's League has made it one of its special works."

The Rev. George Daly, C.Ss.R., Chaplain-Director-Chaplain of the S.O.S., visited Edmonton in March 1924. In September, shortly after the Edmonton Diocesan Council of the CWL of Canada was set up, it was decided to open a Hostel for the Sisters of Service here. Previous to the setting up of the Hostel, I have been told that three of the Sisters of Service came to Edmonton and were accommodated at Rosary Hall.

The 'Sisters of Service' were adopted as a CWL Diocesan convenership in January, 1925, with Mrs. M. J. McElhone of Stettler as the first Diocesan Convener. Their motto was, 'I have come to serve'. Names of the subdivisions which donated that first year were as follows:- Wetaskiwin, Viking, Killam, Duhamel, Stettler, Hasting's Lake, Big Valley and Edmonton. I believe Mrs. J. Q. Foy was the first Edmonton Convener raising that first year \$615.02. Most of the Dioceses which support the Sisters of Service, do so thru National Office, but, for some special reason, Edmonton Archdiocese undertook to help support the Sisters of Service, not only at the Hostel at 9919-105 St., opened in 1929, but also the Catechetical House at 11837 - 85 St., which was opened on October 21, 1925. This latter project was also specially assisted with a Shower of Blankets, linens, etc. and \$55.50.

The CWL initiated the 'Purple Bags' for the Sisters in November, 1926, with Mrs. J. J. Duggan as convener, 1,604 Purple Bags being distributed in December, 1926.

On June 15, 1927 - \$105.00 was raised. June 28, 1928 - a second-hand organ was given to the Sisters of Service at Vilna. Feb. 25 a shower of groceries, etc., and cash. March 25, tea and shower - cash \$55.00. May 8, 1925, Tag Day and Tea - \$190.00. Sisters opened night school in Beverly with sewing classes. Also Sunday School at the Home.

Oct. 13, 1925 - Sunday Night Concert put on by CWL - \$70.00.
Donation CWL Dec., 1925 - \$144.08.

Feb. 8, 1926 - CWL asked to look after Polish girl who was coming West. Card Party in Sacred Heart Hall - No amount given. Sponsored by CWL.

Sept., 1926 - Tag Day at Edmonton Churches - \$100.00.

March 13, 1927 - Sunday night concert, Sisters to share. No amount in minutes.

Feb. 11, 1929 - Amount raised \$1,367.52 - Mrs. J. Q. Foy - Convener.

1931 - Total amount raised in Diocese this year - \$609.45

1935 - Total amount raised \$412.67 - Mrs. James Mole - Convener, (Depression)

Nov. 4, 1936 - \$200.00 from private estate thru efforts of Miss Eva Dillon

March, 1936 - Church door collections - Total for year \$255.55.

In April, 1937 - Well attended classes in Home Training were given at the Hostel by Mrs. R. G. Brewer, Home Economist, under the Dom.

Government's project of 'Training for Jobs'. In Feb, 1938 newspaper article said trained domestics should be paid \$30.00 per month.

March 1937 - Sisters from Catechetical House spent fourteen (14) weeks in country districts instructing children and adults in their religion.

Jan., 1940 - Raffle of Cushion - No amount given. 1941 - Mrs. J. J. McCool - Convener. At the CWL Annual meeting on April 21, 1937 the following report from the Sisters was given, covering both the Residential Club and

the Catechetical House:-

Meals served	17,365
Beds supplied	6,164
Girls placed in positions..	325
Hospital visits	207
Trains met	30
Sick Girls cared for	80
Social Service visits	485
Clothing parcels distributed.	31

Also (as stated above) 14 weeks in country districts teaching religion to children and adults.

Year - 1937 - Total CWL contributions were given as \$589.94.

April, 1943 - Tea - \$18.25 - Purple Bags distributed - Mrs. G. Dearing Convener. Purple Bags discontinued, at Sisters' request, in 1944.

June, 1943 - \$50.00 donated to help with chapel. Feb. 6, 1944 - Tea \$47.75. H. Cooking \$40.40.

May-1944 - Mrs. Sayers - Convener - Tea - Cash \$112.00. Large amount of groceries.

Nov., 1945 - Mrs. A. Woodman, Convener - Tea - Cash. \$50.00.

Dec. 5, 1945 - Mrs. Misener, Mrs. Sayers and Mrs. J. Hague - Conveners - Tea at Catechetical House - Cash - \$175.00.

1947 - St. Patrick's Day Tea at Residential Club - Mrs. Woodman. No amount in record.

Nov. 19, 1947 - Tea at Catechetical House - Mrs. J. Hague Convener Cash \$165.00. Food \$30.00

Feb. 10, 1948 - Tea at Residential Club - \$84.45. Sept. 1948 - Polish Immigrant girls entertained at Residential Club by Convener, Mrs. T. J. Reilly,

assisted by Mrs. F. J. Conroy, Mrs. P. T. Ford, Mrs. W. Peet, Mrs. A. Woodman, and Mrs. G. Deering. \$3.00 for expense. Meals served to Polish girls by Sisters at .35 cents each.

Dec., 1948 - Mrs. J. Hague's tea at Catechetical House - Cash \$128. Groceries \$30.00.

Feb. 8, 1949 - Tea at Residential Club - Mrs. Woodman, Convener Cash \$131.00.

Nov. 30, 1949 - Tea at Catechetical House - Mrs. J. Hague, Convener Cash \$130.00. Groc. \$50.00

Feb. 5, 1950 - Tea at Residential Club - no report. From the above date forward the Teas were convened by the Civic Action Committee, in many cases with the same conveners as mentioned above, except in the many latter years when Mrs. A. L. LaBerge was the unfailing convener and indefatigable prime mover in the efforts made at the Residential Club.

1952 - Residential - \$158.90. Catechetical - \$40.50

From subdivisions outside of the city of Edmonton the following were noted:-

1953 - \$416.90, raised, of which \$50.00 may form the nucleus for a car fund. From outside Edmonton - Cash \$239.40. Provisions - \$504.55
14 cartons of used clothing - not evaluated.

1954 - Car Fund - \$46.00 General Fund - \$418.05.

1955 - \$378.50

1956 - New wing opened at Residential Club Tea - No amount

1957 - Tea - No amount

1958 - Tea - Res. Club - \$199.25

1959 - Tea - Res. Club - \$188.50

1960 - Tea - Res. Club - \$175.00

1961 - Tea - Res. Club - \$297.00

1962 - Tea - Res. Club - \$255.90

In Sept. 1961 - Mrs. A. L. LaBerge - CWL Convener for the Residential Club, reported a Lay Advisory Board established to:-

- (a) Advise the Sisters in matters of Administration and planning.
- (b) To advise the Sisters in the conduct and improvement of Public Relations and Community interpretation of purpose and function of this agency.
- (c) To represent the administration at meetings where the presence of Advisory Board members is required.

Mrs. LaBerge was made a member of this Board.

Report of Residential Club for 1961:-

Residential Club with 30 beds, gave lodging to 222 girls. **39,932 meals** served. Sisters cared for 21 girls when ill, visited 23 patients in hospitals, made 6 visits to sick in homes. One Sister and 6 lay teachers taught Catechism at the School for the Deaf and Dumb. The girls in the Residential Club attend daily Mass, have study clubs and a group pays a weekly visit to the children at the Atonement Home.

Annual Tea netted \$256.00 and Rural Councils donated \$35.00.

The Sisters of Service Religious Correspondence School corrected 33,000 lessons, sent 19,943 circular letters, mimeographed 23,000 lessons, sent 1,227 certificates. During the summer holidays 934 children were instructed by 7 Sisters, 213 children for First Holy Communion, 119 children for Confirmation. Oral instructions are given during the weekends at Griesbach Barracks and at Sherwood Park. Six adults were given convert instructions.

Expenditures by the Sisters for office supplies last year, \$2,000.

CWL donations - \$429. for 1961.

The reports given on the actual work of the Sisters are representative of their accomplishments every year, so these isolated reports will give you an 'idea' only of the magnificent total of work and effort which has accumulated over the thirty-seven years since 1925. The Sisters of Service share in the donations from the Edmonton Community Chest, as do the other groups which do similar work 'For God and Canada'.

EDUCATION - NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP AND STUDY CLUBS

In the early days of the Edmonton CWL in spite of World War 1 and the devastating flu epidemic which followed, the matter of Education was considered and a Catholic Teachers' Exchange was set up at a meeting in the old Separate School Hall, three floors up, on, 103rd Street, Edmonton. This Exchange included rural as well as Edmonton teachers and was attended at some of its meetings by His Grace, Archbishop O'Leary. Year 1921 Mrs. Leo Trimble was Secretary. Correspondence showed that it was possible to supply our Catholic schools with teachers from Alberta alone. Nine applications from School Boards were received and these positions were quickly filled. There was also a Nurses' Guild with a Registry in the General Hospital. This meeting was addressed by Rev. Fr. Daniels and Dr. Herbert Conroy. In the 1922 CWL report, I note that prizes were donated in our schools. Also, a Red Cross Committee was appointed to visit the schools and give lectures and demonstrations in Red Cross work. The Western Catholic, then in its infancy, was supported and a re-mailing committee with Mrs. L. A. Giroux as Convener was inaugurated. There was, also, an Extension Library to supply books to rural groups and lectures by prominent speakers on questions of both national and local interest. In the year 1925 Mrs. E. Underwood was advocating Catholic colleges affiliated with the University of Alberta. Also in 1925 four subdivisions had Study Clubs. Rev. J. C. McGuigan, D.D., V.G., was Diocesan Chaplain at this

time and his advice was sought as to the best method of procedure. He advised three meetings during the winter and three papers for discussion at each meeting, the first by a priest and the other two by CWL members. Miss Gertrude Sullivan was Diocesan Convener, assisted by Mesdames E. Underwood, C.B.

Hill, P.M. Dunne, J. Walcott Cashman, Miss Ruth McLennan, B.A., and Miss Pearl Moher, all of Edmonton, and Mrs. A. F. Zaczkowski of Strome.

The work was promoted and carried out in a most interesting way, with thirteen subdivisions taking part. In the 1929-30 report it was stated that 50% of CWL subdivisions had active Study Clubs. A paper on "The Cause of Bishop Grandin", the first Bishop of the West, was sent to Study Clubs. The JUNIORS took a keen interest in education, one branch giving a business education to a talented young girl. Ten per cent of subdivisions made awards to deserving pupils in Catholic Schools. Nineteen subdivisions took part in Study Club work.

Previous to the year 1935, it appears from the Minutes, as though the National Scholarship was on quite a different basis than now. In 1932, the Convener appealed for better support for the National Scholarship when Mrs. D. Chisholm was Convener and reported donations from the following subdivisions, - Spring Lake, Vermilion, Duhamel, Killam, Sr.; Camrose, St. Peter's, Daysland, Stettler, Warspite, Edmonton Seniors and Edmonton Juniors, in the amount of \$53.20. Mrs. McIntyre, National President, was at the Diocesan Convention and spoke briefly on the National Scholarship. (This is the first mention in records available). She appealed for support to this

one great National endeavor of the CWL of Canada. With regard to Essays, Mrs. McIntyre explained that the qualifications for the National Award not only meant the writing of the best Essay but also called for sixty-six and two thirds percent in all subjects. Suggestions for improvement were solicited. In 1933, there were eight Study Clubs. A paper entitled, "The League for Social Justice" was highly recommended. The subject for the 1934 essay (presumably for National Scholarship) was, "In your Opinion, what are the most effective means whereby the national life of Canada may be bettered by the Catholic Women's League". Eight essays were submitted and, due to their excellence, a recommendation was made that an additional award be granted. 15 Study Clubs reported under convenership of Mrs. D. M. O'Brien. At the National Convention, in 1935, changes in the National Scholarship award were reported, embodying the following:- "\$100.00 for two successive years are to be awarded in each of the nine provinces to the pupil obtaining the highest marks in Senior Matriculation." Mrs. O'Brien also reported a Public Speaking Contest arranged by the Edmonton Senior Subdivision in collaboration with the Edmonton Separate School Board. Won by the Commercial High School. (The Margaret Duggan Cup). Also sponsored an Oratorical contest for the Diocesan Convention, six entries from six subdivisions, taking part. In 1935, Oratorical Contest 5 girls competing.

Edmonton Seniors gave \$10.00 for catechism prizes and in High School the Margaret Duggan Cup, with \$5.00 prizes for best speaker in each Catholic

School. Those taking part in the Oratorical Contest chose the following subjects:

"The Importance of the Home in Catholic Action" - Miss M. Jascke - Strome - third.

"Communism and Catholic Action" - Miss Margaret Nabb - Stettler first

"Catholic Poets" - Miss Isabel Pratley - Edmonton Juniors -

"Religious Education in the Schools" - Miss Rita Hill - Edmonton Srs. second

"The University of Alberta" - Miss Ruby Fisher - Holden

Judges for the event were Rev. Brother Memoriam, Rector, St. Joseph's College, Mrs. Ed. Kehoe, Camrose, and Miss Sadie Stanton, St. Albert Jrs.

1936 - Miss Sadie Stanton - Education Convener - Library work was at a standstill due to the depression, but rural subdivisions could still obtain books on request.

Six young ladies took part in the Oratorical Contest, as follows:-

"Alberta, Past, Present and Future" - Miss Margaret Kroetch - Strome Sr.

"Menace of Present Day Isms" - Miss Agnes Hague - Edmonton Jrs. First.

"Alberta Makers of History" - Miss Frances O'Neill - Wetaskiwin

"Historic St. Albert" - Miss Audrey Flynn - St. Albert Jrs.

"Oblate Missioneries" - Miss Marjorie Sampson - Trochu Srs. - Third

"Communism" - Miss Margaret Sheeran - Edmonton Jrs. - Second

Judges - Father Mark Murphy - Mr. Hugh John Macdonald, Miss

Grace Brunton.

Much discussion of Study Clubs at this convention, particularly as laying stress on the material side of life so as to profit as they are doing in Antigonish from studies inaugurated by St. Francis Xavier University, without neglecting to stress spiritual values, FIRST. Junior Study Clubs should be for both sexes.

1937 - Miss Sadie Stanton (Now Mrs. Neil Ross, Jr. of St. Albert)
Convener Study Clubs.

Five contestants - (two of the subjects not given)

"Our Sisters" - Miss Mary House - Edmonton

"Life and Works of Gilbert Chesterton - Miss Betty Brinton - Vegreville -
First

"Voice of the Vatican in the Modern World" - Miss Pearl Jaschke - Strom

.....Miss Margaret LePage - Castor, - Second

.....Miss Amelia Flynn - St. Albert - Third

Judges - Rev. Brother William - St. Joseph's Catholic College, Mr.

John Cormack, Edmonton, and Mrs. E. Kelly - Entwistle.

Year 1938 - Mrs. Irene Hawkes - Convener, National Scholarship -
two contestants from Edmonton Diocese - Award of \$1,000.00 won by Saskat-
chewan student, Five Years' service clause in Canada, reduced to three years.

At this time Social Service training had to be taken in the United States.

Year 1939 - \$78.00 contributed to National Scholarship of which
\$24.50 from subs. \$43.50 from Mrs. Hawkes Bridge Club. Miss Marie Boileau

actually won but unable to accept. (Edmonton girl, Now Mrs. John Hart, wife of Deputy Attorney General of Alberta.) Mr. T. H. Hay, in Edmonton for Convention, stressed the importance of Catholic Education for High School Students.

1940 - Education Convener - Miss May Nugent - Study Club Convener - Mrs. Neil Ross.

Oratorical Contest - 4 contestants:-

Miss Jennie Hameryk - Edmonton - First

Miss Frances Allard - Edmonton - Second

Miss Maxine Shepherd - Holden - Third

Miss Dorothy Pals - Castor - Fourth

Judges - Brother Azariuss of St. Joseph's Catholic College, Mrs. Walter Benn and Mrs. J. P. Ferguson of Trochu.

1941 - Miss Gertrude Sullivan - Education and National Scholarship - no report available

1942 - No report available.

1943 - No report available (War years)

1944 - Mr. D. E. Cameron, Librarian, University of Alberta, spoke at Diocesan Convention on Federal Government's plan of Rehabilitation. 10 Study Clubs active. One applicant for National Scholarship.

1945 - 12 Study Groups were circularized and given lists of pamphlets and other material available on request, only one asked for this material.

1946 - No report available.

1947 - No report available.

1948 - No report available.

1949 - No report available.

1950 - Mrs. E. Kehoe, of Camrose, gave report on new Consolidated School Programme as it exists in country points. Alberta Catholic Education Association supported at request of Msgr. MacLellan.

1951 - No report available.

1952 - Changes in National Scholarship requirements - 2 instead of 3 years in Canada. Six months' trial apprenticeship "If possible". Course leading to BA at Catholic University, "if possible". Strome subdivision set up five or six groups of young married people to study 'Confraternity of Christian Doctrine'. Archbishop Macdonald warned that no action should be taken on this without cooperation of Parish Priest. Letter, embodying this warning, was sent to all subdivisions by Diocesan President.

1953 - Fifteen (15) Parent Educator groups. 308 belong to Parent-Teacher Association. Four (4) Discussion Clubs. 3 ACEA regions.

1954 - National Scholarship worth \$1,000.00. High School and University graduates and students interviewed. Twenty-five (25) Discussion groups operating.

1955 - Three (3) Catholic young women from Alberta studying for Bachelor of Social Service - None eligible for National Scholarship.

Article in Catholic paper on Social Service. Eighteen (18) Discussion Clubs.

1956 - Mrs. J.J. Shannon - Convener - Seventy (70) Active Discussion Clubs.

1957 - Subdivisions urged to contribute. Bursaries available, publicized.

1958 - 57 subdivisions reported 98 Discussion Groups - 615 women.

\$17.00 to National Scholarship - \$447.50 to Seminary Scholarship. Total contributions to Education - \$1,427.50. National Scholarship now worth \$1,500.00.

1959 - To National Scholarship \$185.00. Seminary Fund \$1,200.00.

Camrose contributed \$1,000.00 to Catholic School Board. 86 Study Clubs with 535 members. Eight made surveys re scholarships available in Alberta.

1960 - Seventy Councils reported. To Nat. Scholarship - \$185.00.

To Seminary Fund - \$1,717.00. Seventy-nine Study Groups with 651 members.

Nineteen Education Conveners reported in CWL Councils. Mrs. F. J. Conroy, Convener. Available Scholarships publicized.

1961 - Discussion Panel and Question period at Diocesan Convention chaired by Mrs. F. J. Conroy, assisted by Mrs. J. J. Kallal, Mrs. D. Sutherland, Mrs. J. McNamee, Mrs. J. Burke, and Mrs. F.L. Day, all teachers and mostly holders of degrees. Half-hour presentation with short question period. Amount for Education during year - over \$3,000.00.

Study and much work done to publicize necessity and possibility of Catholic Junior College for Edmonton Diocese together with consultation with

church and other authorities on this subject. 36 Conveners in CWL Councils. All Councils written to, twice.

1962 - Mrs. F. J. Conroy - Convener - 113 Councils - 45 Council Conveners. 86 Councils reported for Diocesan Convention - Total amount raised for Education - \$3,564.10, of which \$1,382.00 was for Edmonton Seminary. 85 members teach Catechism - 3,500 hours plus Sisters of Service and nearly \$70. assistance to them in cash, etc. There are 76 Study Clubs with a total of 695 attending. 31 subjects. National Scholarship publicized in 21 councils.

At Diocesan Convention were allowed one hour for Panel Discussion, giving of Conveners' reports and question and answer period - Speakers were:- Mrs. H. McNeill, Supt. of Separate School Board, who gave twenty-minute run-down of Education (Catholic) situation in Edmonton and Junior College possibilities. Very fine. Also 'County System', Mrs. R. Pelkie - one of our Alberta delegates to Canadian Conference on Education in Montreal, gave report on various phases of the Montreal Conference, all of which was very well received by an audience of approximately 250. All Councils written to once with various special letters answering queries, etc.

SPIRITUAL EFFORT - LAY RETREATS, Etc.

The foundation of the CWL in Edmonton in 1912 began, as all CWL work should, with the intention of promoting spiritual and temporal good works, but all, in their essence, spiritual. Without this foundation and without an abiding sense of working 'For God and Canada' as our motto states, Catholic women might have allowed their unity to be disrupted and their effectiveness nullified by the many factors in human nature which make for division rather than cooperation. Thank God that it has been so and that all have returned to their spiritual base whenever circumstances, ambition or self-interest might have led them from it. Sacrifice has been asked of its members, one and all, whether in contribution of service or other assistance and in that negation of self which is all important in any organization which hopes to serve the general good, and to sanctify its members. So, we see from the small beginnings of the CWL here, even in the raising of money, the SPIRITUAL had to come FIRST, LAST AND ALWAYS

In the reports of early activities from 1912 to 1920 we see that the Sisters of Providence were, from 1915 on, in charge of ROSARY HALL and who can assess the tremendous value of the spiritual guidance and example which they gave to the hundreds of girls and women who resided with them in the early days and who still reside with them in 1962. In this period of WAR we find the record of Requiem Masses for our first director, Archbishop Legal, for soldiers who fought and died in the First World War; the reception tendered to the late Archbishop O'Leary when he was appointed to the See

of Edmonton in 1921; the formation of the Catholic Nurses' Guild; the Catholic Teachers' Exchange; the Catholic literature re-mailing; the posting of the hours of Catholic Church Services in hotels and theatres for the information of travellers, and charity done in the name of our Holy religion, too numerous to narrate in detail. Every meeting opened with prayer; Requiem Masses were offered for deceased members and since all activities of any organization, especially when it becomes a National one, involve expense, one would be quite lacking in perception if one overlooked the spirit which prompted those who paid their own and others' expenses to the national meetings or who labored to provide funds for organization and other works which inevitably involve expense. Edmonton was Missionary territory for years after 1912 and, while again thanking many kind Eastern friends who helped for years in this regard we must also appreciate those who did tremendous work here, mainly by the making and supplying altar linens and other necessary items.

And, when women obtained the franchise in 1918, members were urged to use this very important function 'For God and Canada'. Our Lord said, "Watch and pray", and said that valiant woman Mrs. J. J. Duggan, -"We must ever, like careful mariners watch for the sunken reefs of prejudice, the whirlpool of bigotry and the ruffled shoals of indifference beneath which so much harm can be concealed..," "the future of our country is in the hands of the best citizens and our future is to make or mar."

The 1924 National Convention was held in Edmonton. Mrs. P.R.

Gaboury was Convention Hostess. The Catholic Business Girls' Club, Junior CWL of Edmonton, put on the luncheon one day for the National officers, visitors and others, with Miss Catherine McGrath in charge. Everything was as gay and light-hearted as one could wish, as were, also, the beautiful reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Winkler (now the German Embassy in Edmonton), the luncheon and visit to the University of Alberta, the reception at Government house by the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Brett, the fine banquet with Mrs. Gaboury as toast-mistress, the drive to historic St. Albert, and the gay visits between Convention Sessions. All of these social functions detracted nothing from the faithful attendance at daily Mass and Communion in St. Joachim's Church or the serious aspects of the National Convention proceedings with Mrs. W. H. Lovering of Hamilton, National President, presiding throughout.

In the year 1925, Mrs. E. Underwood, Diocesan President, reported that in the two years since the last Edmonton Diocesan Convention, the sum of \$28,740.00 was spent on church, hospital and other charitable works. This year also marked the death of our dear Catherine Hughes, also Mrs. J. C. Tupper of Heisler and Mrs. George Shea of Camrose, a past vice-president of the Edmonton diocesan, prayers and Masses being offered for their souls. Thanks were tendered to His Grace, Archbishop Henry J. O'Leary and to the CWL Chaplain, Rev. Wm. Patton, and to all who made the year 1925 so successful.

Further support for the Western Catholic was urged. The Catechetical work of the Sisters of Service, as well as their efforts in helping young girls and women, coming as strangers to Edmonton, was emphasized as spiritual work as was also the re-mailing of Catholic literature under the convenership of Mrs. L. A. Giroux.

In the 1926 Report, with Mrs. Underwood as Diocesan President we note the furnishing of 54 students' rooms in the newly-erected St. Joseph's College. Mrs. J. J. Duggan was the leading spirit in this endeavor. Twenty-six of these rooms, costing \$50.00 each were paid for by CWL groups, six being given by the Catholic Business Girls' Club. Many subdivisions reported caring for the altar, the supplying of extra flowers at Easter, Christmas and the church opening, music scores for the choir and \$200.00 transferred to Parish Funds. Even washing and scrubbing and other church cleaning were common, proving that nothing was too difficult or too menial when it was a matter of the due respect and honor of God. Wetaskiwin reported 80 Masses offered by the CWL, spiritual boquets sent to a family, a decade of the Rosary said at meetings for the church in Mexico and for the success of Rev. Fr. Hughes' work among Ukrainian newcomers; Church Extension work has also been most faithfully done, especially in Edmonton. Study groups in religion have also been numerous. The spirit of cooperation among clergy and congregations has been very fine. Archbishop O'Leary was National Chaplain during this period. Support for the Western Catholic, from its earliest days, under Msgr. Lyons

in 1920, has been a continuous enterprise, thru the years when Msgr. MacLellan was editor, under Father A. O'Brien and right to the present day, when its new format and a wider range of news make the paper more interesting and readable. Msgr. McGuigan (Now Cardinal McGuigan) was our Diocesan Chaplain in 1928, being present at the CWL Diocesan Convention in that year. Present also were Msgr. W. Carleton and Father E. Battle, long the pastor at Stettler. In 1929-30 an active Church Extension Convener was reported; also a Bridge Club which made \$200.00 and offered it for the education of priests at the Franciscan Monastery. Msgr. McGuigan was Chaplain for four years before being consecrated Archbishop. The obligation of the CWL to Msgr. Nelligan's Dime Fund for St. Joseph's Cathedral, ceased on Dec. 31, 1932. 185 pieces of linen sent to the Missions. \$236.50 raised for donation and subscriptions to Western Catholic. Five Junior subdivisions contributed to an Album presented to His Holiness, recently, from the Junior CWL of Canada. Mrs. E. Wankel, Church Extension Convener, reported that 36 Parish groups are doing great work in this line, not only in sewing all manner of necessary altar linens, etc., but in teaching catechism, preparing children for first Holy Communion, purchasing and making cassocks for the altar boys, and, as Mrs. Wankel said, doing all the dear and personal work for our Divine Lord's service, just as His Mother did, who, with her own hands made His garments and supplied His human needs.

Our thanks are due to Church Extension, Toronto, to which was paid

the small sum of \$10.00 per year for linen to be made up into various church articles. In the year 1936, a Spiritual Bouquet was offered for the restoration to health of Archbishop O'Leary. These years from 1929 on, indefinitely, until World War II broke out in 1939, were hard years and at the 1936 Convention, Mrs. F. J. Conroy, Diocesan President, said that, 'since all reform comes from within' in our study clubs, we should stress spiritual values, FIRST, but we should, also, make a 'down to earth' study of the material side of life, so as to be able to cope with such occurrences as the 'depression' with greater ease, and stated that pamphlets are available from St. Francis' University in Antigonish, which could help us as they have helped the people of Antigonish, and, indeed, of many parts of Nova Scotia. Father Connolly, chaplain of the Edmonton Juniors, stated that "we have a moral responsibility in regard to public affairs, especially in a democracy". The Holy Father has pointed out the dangers of Communism and urges study of how to combat it.

Mrs. Wankel reported 100% cooperation in Church Extension from the subdivisions. A 'Day of Recollection' at the Diocesan Convention, formed the content of a resolution passed, in the year 1937. An 'Hour of Adoration' at St. Joseph's Cathedral during the Convention, was made as a small contribution towards the idea of Lay Retreats. Coadjutor Archbishop John Hugh Macdonald, was with us at the Saturday evening session of the Convention. Bishop L. Nelligan appointed Bishop of Pembroke. 1938 - Archbishop Henry J. O'Leary died this year.

Catholic papers and literature sent to families not receiving same.

First closed Retreat held in Edmonton, during summer, Mrs. Duggan and Mrs. J. W. Connolly in charge. 1939 - thru the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Fitzgerald and Miss Anne Fitzgerald, Stations of the Cross given to Rocky Mountain House Mission, Rev. Fr. Gillis.

Resolution on the RECONSTRUCTION OF THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SOCIETY IN THE WAY OF PEACE, passed in 1939.

1940 - Rev. Father MacLellan, Chaplain to Armed Forces, stationed in Nova Scotia.

Year 1939 - First Lay Retreat for CWL - Mrs. J. W. Connolly and Mrs. J. J. Duggan -

Year 1940 - Second Lay Retreat for CWL - Mrs. J. W. Connolly and Miss Ellen Marie Foy in charge.

Mass Card sent to Mrs. Glennon, National Executive Secy., on the occasion of her husband's death. Lay Retreats were also held each year until 1950 - ten under the convenership of Mrs. J. W. Connolly and three under Mrs. A. C. Woodman. In 1951 they were discontinued as the Franciscan Fathers Retreat House at Cochrane offered exceptional facilities for those wishing to make short retreats.

Later, 'The Star of the North' Retreat House at St. Albert offered closer facilities and very fine ones, indeed, to residents of Edmonton Arch-diocese.

To retrace our steps, momentarily, we find that in 1951 - 230 Masses requested by CWL and, in accordance with a resolution at the previous year's convention, each subdivision was asked to set aside a given day in each month for the recitation of the Rosary for Peace to be recited by at least one of its members. A Spiritual Bouquet was presented to our Diocesan Director, Rev. J. A. MacLellan for his Silver Jubilee, the response showing the high esteem in which Msgr. MacLellan has always been held.

Missionaries of Mary were supported to the extent of \$150.00 this year, was short of our objective. In 1952, Archbishop Macdonald wishes the CWL to form Confraternities of Christian Doctrine groups with the Parish Priest as Director. We had many Study Groups but few Parish Priests were able to give the necessary time to their meetings. They were supposed to be mostly for young married couples, forty-five minutes being devoted to discussion with a social hour following.

Pamphlets called 'The Parent Educator' recommended by Diocesan Director. No report as to response. \$129.50 for Missionaries of Mary. 62 members made Retreat at Cochrane, Alberta. Numerous prayers and Masses, letters of condolence and Mass cards sent to those in grief.

Year 1953 - Mrs. A. C. Woodman - Convener. 55 Report Forms received. Number attending retreats, 458. Masses offered, 545. Communion honoring Our Lady of Good Counsel, 648. Continuous Rosary for Peace, 39 subdivisions. 1022 Rosaries each month. Spiritual Bouquet for Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth on the occasion of her coronation on June 2nd, 1953, included the following

from forty-three subs. of the CWL Masses offered 366, Masses heard 2021, Holy Communions 1294, Visits to Blessed Sacrament 1213, Stations of the Cross 1106, Rosaries 3856, Litanies 2123, ejaculations 15,224, Other prayers 3,599. The grand total of all masses, prayers, etc., sent from National Office to Her Majesty was 1,727,292.

The year 1954 marked the visit of the Baroness de Hueck Doherty who spoke to a crowded meeting in the FCJ Convent Auditorium. Catholic Truth groups helped to swell the capacity audience. Mrs. F. J. Conroy chaired the meeting and the CWL gave Mrs. Doherty the proceeds of the meeting, \$140, as well as paying her hotel and other Edmonton bills. In 1955, Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament was introduced at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Edmonton, by Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. Malone with 269 women enrolled for the daytime hours, the men for the night hours.

Letter from St. Alphonsus Seminary Woodstock Ontario explaining the use of cancelled stamps with instructions re saving and sending them. Increased number of Xmas Cribs and Shrines noted in reports. One subdivision reports that all families consecrated to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. 279 were reported as adorers at St. Joseph's.

1956 - Under Confraternity of Christian Doctrine work, the CWL supplied the booklet "The Commandments of God", FREE, to every subdivision requesting same. Mrs. R. Byers, Camrose, Dias. Pres. Millet had travelling shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, with each Catholic family having it in their

home for one week. Continuous Rosary for Peace and in accordance with request of Our Lady, still going on.

Year 1957 - Spiritual boquet to Archbishop Macdonald on occasion of his Golden Jubilee - Father MacLellan raised to rank of Domestic Prelate. CWL sent spiritual boquet, letter of congratulation and small offering. Diocesan council has monthly Mass said for all members and we benefit by the prayers of our Honorary members, the Sisters. CCD Information available.

Year 1958 - Spiritual boquet and congratulations to Rev. R. V. Britton, former editor Western Catholic, on occasion of his Silver Jubilee in the priesthood.

Year 1959 - The name 'Council' has replaced subdivision in the CWL. \$700 given to Seminary by Diocesan CWL. Mrs. J. Kehoe reported an outstanding and gratifying increase in the number of members participating in all spiritual projects. Perpetual adoration at St. Joseph's Cathedral continuing fervently.

Year 1960 - Mr. Thurston Smith of the Catholic Information Centre, Edmonton, spoke at Diocesan Convention on coming Ecumenical Council. 70 Councils reported and forty-one of these had spiritual programmes at each meeting. \$1,717 given to St. Joseph's Seminary. Mrs. Melton asked for greater zeal in celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Good Council, April 26th.

Year 1961 - Dios. Pres. Mrs. R. Carriere stated 'The CWL is

primarily spiritual. Unless our spiritual life is fostered, Councils can become merely fund-raising bodies." Spiritual Boquet presented to Mr. and Mrs. D. M. O'Brien on their 50th anniversary. Seminary Fund \$400. Sixty Councils have spiritual programme. Whole parish of Clandonald had enthronement of Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary. 70 Councils celebrated feast of Our Lady of Good Council. This year's theme, "A year of prayer" even a Hail Mary a Day for our priests.

Year 1962 - Mrs. P. Basso, Spiritual Convener, reported increase in Lay Apostolic work, CCD groups, retreats, prayers for vocations and for lapsed Catholics. Urges daily family Rosary, more frequent Holy Communion, nine First Fridays and Five 1st Saturdays, Stations of the Cross, in fact everything we do can become a prayer. Then God and only God, in His own way, will answer us.

PRESS AND PUBLICITY

From the earliest days of the Catholic Womens' League in Edmonton, the time-honored methods of communication were as available as they are today, namely, word-of-mouth, announcements from the pulpits of the Catholic Churches in Edmonton, two newspapers, the Edmonton Journal, which came into being in the year 1903, and the Edmonton Bulletin which was started by Frank Oliver in a log shack, with a hand-press, on the Groat Estate in the year 1908. The 'Western Catholic' was first published in the very early twenties, being the first English-speaking Catholic weekly in this province. The year seems to be 1921. In the Ninth Annual Report of the CWL of Edmonton, mention is made of a very successful drive for subscribers to the Western Catholic, which, from its earliest years has always given the CWL excellent coverage. The first editor was Father Bernard MacDonald, Calgary, then Father Lyons, now Msgr. Lyons and Pastor of the Assumption Parish, in Edmonton. Rev. Fr. Pilon, Rev. Fr. Jan, Rev. Fr. Lemarchan, Rev. Fr. Ethelbert, OFM, Rev. Fr. Daniel, Rev. Fr. Murphy, OMI, Rev. Fr. Sinnott, Rev. Fr. Reynolds, Rev. Fr. Patton, Miss Catherine Hughes and others too numerous to mention, together with many good friends in the Knights of Columbus, lost no opportunity to publicize the work of the infant CWL of Edmonton. In 1918, Articles of Incorporation were secured on May 20th, and signed by the CWL officers in the presence of Father M. Pilon and Lucien Dubuc, later Judge Dubuc. This stated that the Catholic Womens' League of the Archdiocese of Edmonton, was incorporated under the 'Ordinance Respecting Benevolent and other Societies, being Chapter

66 of the Consolidated Ordinance of the North West Territories of 1896 and Amendments thereto. Signers of this document were: Sarah M. Thompson, President, Margaret Duggan, First Vice-president, Eugenie O'Neill, Second Vice-president, Bella Sullivan, Corresponding Secretary, Katherine Underwood, Recording Secretary, Evelyn J. Blewett, Treasurer, Albertaine Gariepy and Amelia A. Hawkins. In the year 1915, a report of the work of the Edmonton CWL was given by the then Secretary, Mrs. A. Barry, at a meeting of the Local Council of Women. The First World War, which started on August 11, 1914, was a powerful lever in uniting Edmonton organizations in a very real bond of friendship and effort for the common good. The patriotic work, the charitable work, the Court work, the very newness and compactness of the population were factors for making us depend on one another more than we do now. But the Press was powerful and most cooperative and good publicity was a great factor in CWL growth. In the report of the Corresponding Secy., Mrs. P. B. Sullivan, for the year ending March 31st., 1922, there were 78 notices of meetings and entertainment sent to the three Edmonton papers; 154 notices sent to the seven city churches, 155 letters written, including 14 letters of sympathy to members, also advertising in the papers of all meetings and entertainments held by the CWL.

When the National Convention of the CWL was held in Edmonton in the year 1924, under the patronage of His Excellency the Most Rev. Pietro Di Maria, Apostolic Delegate, the Blue and Gold, CWL colors, were prom-

inent in the decor of a very fine programme, in the badges of the delegates and in the decorating done by the Edmonton Juniors. Mrs. P. R. Gaboury, at that time President of the Edmonton Senior Subdivision, was in charge of the Convention and Miss Catherine McGrath was chairman of one of the luncheons.

The CWL Magazine was inaugurated in 1921. This very helpful publication has undergone 8 (or more) changes of format down the years and many refreshing changes in contents and has always been a source of Canada wide publicity.

Mrs. J. W. Connolly of Edmonton, was Press Convener in the year 1926 and reported 400 subscriptions to the Western Catholic and 50 to the League Magazine. Up to the year 1932, great stress was laid on subscriptions to the Western Catholic and to the League Magazine and some progress made. But those years of the onset of the great depression made their soul-searing paralyzing effects felt everywhere. For almost everyone, every cent counted. Besides the news was all BAD and when many were losing or on the verge of losing their homes for taxes, BAD news we could do without. But, in spite of the fact that money was scarce and 'times were hard' money was somehow found for publicity and 205 letters of a general nature were sent out along with 500 circular letters to subdivisions.

At the Diocesan Convention in 1932, a special appeal from His Grace, Archbishop O'Leary for assistance to the Western Catholic produced \$200. MITE BOXES, a suggestion of Mrs. B. R. Mooney, were used. This all, apparently, came from the Edmonton Senior Subdivision, except for \$15. which the

records say, was paid to them on this account.

In 1934 - Rev. R. V. Britton was in charge of the Western Catholic. and 'wonder of wonders' we had three subdivisions reporting 100% subscriptions to that paper, namely Strome, Killam and Stettler. Miss Eva Dillon who was then Honorary National Treasurer, thanked Father Britton for space during the year, particularly at Convention time. Miss Dillon was also Press convener.

In 1935 - Miss Gertrude Sullivan was appointed Press Convener following Miss Dillon's departure for Montreal to act as National Executive Secretary in the head office of the CWL there. Part of Miss Dillon's work in the National CWL Office was the editing of the League Magazine and 40 subscriptions were reported from Edmonton Archdiocese and an effort was made for club subscriptions. Miss Dillon made an interesting suggestion for stimulating interest in the Western Catholic, as follows:- "When answering the Roll Call at meetings, members should give a short item of interesting news from the Western Catholic." Items of interest were being sent to the Western Catholic and faithfully reported in that paper. In speaking on this subject, Father Britton stated that advertising covered only half the paper's costs, so there is a great need for subscribers. However, he wished to carry those who were having difficulties due to hail, frozen crops, etc., and urged those who were able to make up for those who suffered these misfortunes. At this meeting, Mrs. Helen Cashman paid great tribute to the paper and others felt that

the Catholic paper was a great power for good with children and should always be available to them.

In 1936, Miss Sullivan and Mrs. H. Coley gave out sample copies of the Western Catholic and the League Magazine at the Fourteenth Annual Diocesan Convention. Miss Florence Boland, then National President, was in Nelson for the consecration of Bishop Johnson and was with us for part of the Convention, including the banquet. As President of 30,000 women in the CWL of Canada, Miss Boland had much of interest to tell us.

Miss Gertrude Sullivan, Press Convener, reported that 32 subdivisions solicit subscriptions to the Western Catholic; 31 subscribe to the League Magazine and 27 subdivisions send in news items regularly. Proceeds of Silver Tea put on by Mrs. B. R. Mooney, paid for subscriptions to Western Catholic for poor families in isolated districts. Edmonton Juniors put on a play, proceeds to Western Catholic. Mrs. F. J. Conroy, Dioc. President, thanked Father Britton for two columns in the paper for League notes. A talk by Fr. Foran showed how the Western Catholic was instrumental in giving the lie to much of the anti propaganda appearing in some of the secular press regarding Ethiopia and Spain. Mrs. Brennand made the following suggestions for greater use of the League Magazine:

1. That subdivision chaplains be furnished a copy each month.
2. That subdivision presidents receive a copy, even if the subscription has to be taken out of the general fund.
3. That two or three members might share a copy.

4. That League members be instrumental in securing 'ads'.

In 1937 Rev. Fr. Britton announced that the Catholic Truth Broadcasts would be resumed beginning with the first Sunday in November. He said, "The Western Catholic is a monument to Archbishop O'Leary and a credit to the Archdiocese", and asked for continuance of our support. He also stated that the Catholic Church is the best-informed institution in the world and, if we want Christianity and the Church to continue, we must support the Catholic Press.

In the report on the League magazine, it was stated that many subdivisions were subscribing for their Pastors and others were passing on their copies to their neighbors. The letter from the National Convener of Magazine, Miss Ann McMaster put the magazine in a new light and embodied many suggestions.

1939 - 2 subdivisions reported 100% to Western Catholic. 61 subscribers to CWL Magazine. Mrs. T. H. Hay, National President, was a most welcome visitor at Convention.

1940 - 89 subscribers to League Magazine. Thanks extended to Miss Sullivan and to Edmonton 'Journal' and 'Bulletin' and to all local papers which have carried CWL news.

1941 - Mrs. F. J. Conroy - Press Convener - Information contained in her 'Book Column' in Western Catholic, most helpful to Study Clubs. Thanks expressed to Western Catholic for special column devoted to CWL activities and for extra space for CWL Convention activities.

1942 - In a circular letter on 'War Services' sent to all subdivisions, the following item appears, - "Good Catholic literature and good secular reading matter play a most important part in our programme. The Sacred Heart Messenger, the Western Catholic, the Catholic Digest, are all appreciated by our men and should be saved by members and collected in your district and forwarded to military camps.

1943 - In her initial letter from the Edmonton Diocesan President, Mrs. G. Dearing, the following item appears, - "Don't forget your Western Catholic. See that you have one copy for your Parish Priest and encourage as many members as possible to subscribe to it. Our Holy Father's encyclical letter on 'The Mystical Body' is being published in small sections each week. Be sure to read it. Also tune in to CJCA at 1:30 p.m., each Sunday for the 'Catholic Truth' broadcast. Invite your friends to join you."

Mrs. F. J. Conroy, in reporting on 'Press' stated that our column in the Western Catholic has been missed only a very few times out of the 52. Requested that Subdivisions make more use of the CWL column, in the Western Catholic, by sending new items to her.

1944 - Mrs. Ralph, convener for Western Catholic, stated that 297 subscriptions were received from CWL this year. \$64 donated by subdivisions. \$20 given by Mrs. Hawkes Bridge Club for broadcast. Mrs. Conroy reported that she had made forty (40) contributions, entitled 'Diocesan League Notes' to Western Catholic during the year. We had full coverage for the Diocesan

Convention as well as advertising for Convention in Western Catholic.

1945 - Press & Publicity - Convention news sent

to W. C. and other Edmonton papers, as well as picture of Mrs. Irene Hawkes, our first Provincial President. A copy of the clipping on Dean Harrington's Silver Jubilee was sent to National Executive Secy., who requested accounts of special events and personalities be sent to her, so that the National might send letters of congratulation.

1946 - No report on hand.

1947 - Archbishop Macdonald urged that we continue support of Catholic Press, our only source, at this time, of accurate information on current events effecting the Church, its untiring efforts for peace and justice among the nations, its achievements on behalf of the hungry and homeless of Europe, irrespective of creed or nationality and its unceasing struggle to prevent communism from enslaving the world.

Year 1948 - Mrs. D. M. O'Brien appointed Publicity Convener.

1949 - Mrs. O'Brien reports that notices of all meetings are being sent to the Western Catholic, also reports of work done by CWL. Advises subdivisions that if they will send their articles to her, she will see that they reach the Western Catholic. No report available for next two years but I am sure that every week saw CWL publicity in the Western Catholic with Mrs. O'Brien as its author.

1951 - Two Catholic Truth broadcasts sponsored by our members.

1952 - A weekly column conducted for CWL in Western Catholic. Mrs. O'Brien advises that 132 reports to the secular press and 302 reports to the Western Catholic were sent in by subdivisions. Also suggests that correspondents would help greatly by reporting only CWL or other important news, as space is at a premium in the paper.

1953 - 44 subdivisions report 1207 subscriptions, according to Mrs. W. T. Peet. Mrs. O'Brien's column continuing with 197 reports sent to secular press and 380 to the Western Catholic.

1954 - 83 subscriptions to League Magazine reported. Press & Publicity looked after by Mrs. O'Brien, who is, this year, Honorary Secretary of National.

1955 - 95 subscriptions to League Magazine - Edmonton sponsored November issue in the year 1954. Most of this work done by Mrs. O'Brien. 29 subdivisions, plus the Edmonton Diocesan Council paid for advertisements in that issue. 1739 subscriptions to Western Catholic. 444 news articles sent in. 548 members reported wearing League pin.

1956 - Resolution on League Magazine, change of format, etc., passed at Convention. Magazine convener suggests that every subdivision should have two copies of League Magazine, one for President and one for Director, Mrs. W.K. Foy reports 1849 subscriptions to Western Catholic, 372 news reports to C. Press. Mrs. O'Brien's weekly column continues. 851 members wear League pin. Magazine subscriptions total 128 of which 29 are new and 39 complimen-

tary. Magazine used 28 times at meetings.

1957 - 153 subscriptions to League Magazine. 398 articles sent to Catholic Press and 1242 pulpit announcements made. Keeping of scrap books urged.

1958 - 1001 subscriptions to League Magazine. \$16.00 worth advertising sent, also CWL column in W. Catholic continuing.

1959 - 459 subscriptions to League Magazine. 1,144 members wearing League pin.

1960 - Mrs. O'Brien's column in Western Catholic has done more to make League work known than any other publicity, according to Mrs. A. Woodman, Publicity convener.

1961 - Mrs. A. C. Woodman, Publicity Convener, congratulated League Press conveners for their cooperation during the year. Recommends that all Councils appoint Press Convener. Has sent articles to League Magazine, some with photographs, also to local newspaper and arranged for radio, TV and Press Publicity for the National Convention held in Edmonton in October of this year. Also arranged for publicity for the Douglas Hyde lecture recently given in Edmonton.

1962 - 84 councils sent in publicity, 453 articles to Western Catholic and 455 to local Press. Some Councils had display of Catholic publications during February, Press month. Noted increase in scrapbook keeping.

Suggests that articles sent to newspapers receive greater consideration if

typewritten double-spaced and with margins of one inch on all sides. 94 councils reported a total of 891 subscriptions to League Magazine. 15 articles sent and \$6.00 advertising. 185 articles from Magazine read at meetings.

To close this report, our thanks are due to the editors of the Western Catholic over the years, including our present Diocesan Director, who was editor for some years (no record) to Father Britton, Father A. O'Brien (Mrs. D.M. O'Brien's son) and to the present editor Mr. Gregory Schiller. Also thanks to Mrs. O'Brien for fourteen years of writing the CWL Column for the Western Catholic.

ORGANIZATION

This report dates from November 13th, 1912, to November 13, 1962, and shows in a very interesting way how the tiny seed, planted in the prolific soil of a missionary district, took firm root and flourished most abundantly, over the past fifty years, by the grace of God and the unselfish efforts of the founders and workers of the Catholic Women's League, who planted that seed in what might seem to many the most unlikely spot in Canada for such growth and development. But, with the approval and assistance of those leaders of the Catholic Church, in Edmonton Diocese, starting with Archbishop Legal, O.M.I., and continuing through Archbishop Henry J. O'Leary, Archbishop Hugh John Macdonald, and Archbishop Anthony Jordan, O.M.I., and such priests as Rev. Father Lemarchand, Father Jan, Father Patton, Father Daniels and so many others down to our own day, when with Rt. Rev. Msgr. Maclellan as Diocesan Director and Rev. J. Burke as Director of the Edmonton Civic Action Committee and every Parish dedicated to the idea of having a branch of the CWL, Catholic women can be certain of unfailing direction in their efforts 'For God and Canada'.

It has been quite an adventure to compile this report on ORGANIZATION, and it has not been an easy adventure probably because so many women who have done great things in this field have been quite content to report them in the most self-effacing way. In fact, it could even be termed an adventure in Archeology since the 'digging up of the facts' has been such a chore. Present-day members in many of the parishes mentioned may be surprised and thrilled to

see names of mothers and even grandmothers who did 'their bit' through prosperous years and through lean years to extend the scope of the many, many projects which the Catholic Women's League has initiated or worked on from Nov. 13th, 1912 to Nov. 13th, 1962. There will be few names mentioned in this particular report since this is a History, and I can only pass on what has been found in the records.

Edmonton Archdiocese has now some 113 Councils. Name, date of organization, and small data, are all space allows us to give here as follows:

Edmonton, April 12, 1912 (7 Parishes); Wetaskiwin, May 8, 1921; Camrose, May 8, 1921; Duhamel, June 11, 1922; Red Deer, June 12, 1922; Leduc, June 13, 1922; Edmonton Bus. Girls, June 2, 1922; Killam, August 8, 1922; Viking, August 9, 1922; Vermilion, August 10, 1922; Vegreville, August 11, 1922; Ponoka, November 6, 1922; Lacombe, November 19, 1922
(Reorganized in 1952 by Mrs. D. M. O'Brien.)

14. Bawlf, August 12, 1923, 1:30 p.m. 15. Heisler, August 12, 1923, 8:30 p.m. (Disbanded in 1934, Reorganized later) 16. Tofield, August 26, 1923, 17. Provost, December 12, 1923, 18. Roseenhain, December 23, 1923, 19. Strome, February 10, 1924, 20. St. Albert, June 1, 1924, 21. Wanda, June 22, 1924, 22. Lougheed, June 29, 1924, 23. Beaumont, July 6, 1924. 24. Stettler, Paid Tax in 1926, 25. Big Valley, Paid Tax in 1926. 26. Lloydminster, Paid Tax in 1926, 27. Edmonton Juniors, Paid Tax in 1926, 28. St. Peters (near Strome), Paid Tax in 1926, 29. St. Margaret's (Hastings Lake or Deville), May 23, 1926, 30. Three Hills, Paid Tax in 1926, 31. Olds, Paid Tax in 1926, 32. Trochu, Tax paid in 1925, 33. Castor, Tax paid in 1925. 34. Galahad, May 17, 1925.

NOTE:- Other places mentioned at the Elberton Convention in 1923 and apparently organized between 1923 and 1925 were as follows:-

35. Coronation, Regained in 1936. M.C. , 36. Bulwark, May 27, 1926 (Mrs. E. Stokes of Coronation), 37. Consort, June 10, 1926 (Mrs. E. Stokes of Coronation), 38. Edson, Sept. 5, 1926 (Rev. Fr. Ryan), 39. Hardisty, Sept. 1926 (Mrs. Zatzkowski), 40. Spruce Grove, Sept. 19, 1926 (Father Keenan), 41. Warspite, Diocesan Convention in 1926, 42. Bashaw, August 21, 1927 (By Camrose), 43. Round Hill, August, 1927, Reorganized 1958 - Mrs. O'Brien, 44. Dayland, New in 1928 rept - No other information. 45. Strome Juniors, No information, 46. Lumni, Reported at 1928 Convention (Mrs. T. J. Kelly, Three Hills), 47. St. Albert Juniors, 1928, (youngest subdivision in Edmonton Archdiocese), 48. Vermilion Juniors, 1953 (was in existence in 1929) NOTE:- In the year 1929 - 48 Senior and 5 Junior Subdivisions were reported at the Convention. That means that there were then in existence five Senior subs of which I have no information, so far in available material. No records on hand until the year 1933, when Miss C. McGrath was organization Convener. 49. Stony Plain, (Re-organized in 1958 by Mrs. O'Brien) 50. Entwistle, 1933, 51. Wildwood, 1933, NOTE:- Other places mentioned at the Diocesan Convention in 1933 and apparently organized between 1929 and 1933 were as follows:-

52. Hanna, No date of organization. Disbanded in 1936. 53. Spring Lake, No date of organization (Miss C. McGrath) 54. Manfred, no date, 55. Killam Juniors, On list in 1933. 56. Rosalind, On list in 1933. 57. Jasper, On List in 1933. 58. Clyde, On list in 1933. 59. Wainwright on list in 1933. 60. Delia, Disbanded in 1935, Lacking 10 members. 61. Holden, On list in 1933. 62. Wetaskiwin Jrs. Disbanded in 1935, No organization date given. NOTE: Mrs. Trainor's Organization Report in 1935 states that only 45 subdivisions are active. No report as to others that disbanded as on this and previous page. 63. Alliance, 1936 by Mrs. F. J. Conroy. 64. Tomahawk, 1937, Mrs. F. J. Conroy. NOTE: 13 other subdivisions were visited while Mrs. Conroy was Western National Organizer in 1936-37. 65. Chipman, Organized by Mrs. Conroy. 66. Maughn, In existence in 1938 by Mrs. Irene Hawkes, Diocesan President. 67. NOTE: in 1940, she sent 22 letters to possible subdivisions in spite of war. 67. Czar, Mentioned in 1943 Diocesan Report as being urged to stay on even though they did Parish work only. In 1944 we had only 34 subdivisions.

68. Margaret Duggan Business and Professional Women -
First mentioned in 1947 Minutes.
69. Yellowknife, NWT Mentioned in 1947 - Was lone-wolf organization
but Edmonton took it under their wing. No other
information.
70. Cadomin Organized By Mrs. H. Dearing in 1948.
71. Compeer Mentioned in 1950 as giving report
72. Bruce Ditto - Organized by Mrs. Dearing
73. Delburne Ditto - Organized by Mrs. Dearing
74. Gibbons Ditto - Organized by Mrs. Dearing
75. St. Francis, Edmonton - Organized in Edmonton after Senior Sub.
disbanded in 1948.
76. St. Anthony's, Edmonton - Organized in Edmonton after Senior Sub
disbanded in 1948.
77. Hay Lakes Mentioned in 1950 Diocesan Report. - Reorgan-
ized 1958 - Mrs. O'Brien.
78. Mearns Mentioned in 1950 Diocesan Report
79. Millet Mentioned in 1950 Diocesan Report
80. St. Alphonsus - Edmonton - Organized after Senior Sub. Disbanded
in 1948.
- NOTE:- Reported membership for Edmonton Diocesan Council in 1953
was 3,000. Of this number 209 were honorary members (sisters).
81. Warburg Organized May, 1953 by Mrs. D. M. Obrien.
82. Devon " Oct., 1952 " "
83. Calmar " May, 1952 " "
84. Clandonald No date for organization, Paid Dios. Tax June/53.
85. Dewberry " " "
86. St. Andrew's - Edmonton - After Edmonton Sr. Disbanded in 1948.

87.	Immaculate Heart	No date. After Edmonton Sr. Disbanded. Paid Tax in 1953.
88.	St. James-Edmonton	" " "
89.	St. John's "	" " "
90.	St. Joseph's- "	" " "
91.	St. Theresa's-"	" " "
92.	Edson	No information as to organization
93.	Entwistle	" " "
94.	St. Patrick's -Edmonton -	No date. After Edmonton Seniors disbanded.
95.	St. Agnes-Edmonton-	Organized 1953
96.	Maple Hill	" when Fr. A. O'Brien was Parish Priest.
97.	Assumption-Edmonton	" After Edmonton Seniors disbanded.
98.	St. Mary's-Beverly	" 1955 by Mrs. D. M. O'Brien.
99.	R.C.A.F. - Namoo	" " " "
100.	Irma	" by Father Clement and parishioners- no date
101.	St. Pius-Edmonton	" 1955 by Mrs. D. M. O'Brien.
102.	Sacred Heart-Edmonton	" 1955 " "
103.	Innisfail	" 1955 or 56 " "
104.	Drayton Valley	" 1955 or 56 " "
105.	Bodo	" no date - Sent report to 1958 Dios. Con.
106.	St. Norbert	" " "
107.	Altario	" " "

108.	Didsbury	Organized 1958 by Mrs. D. M. O'Brien.			
109.	Kopenik	"	"	"	"
110.	St. Clare's-Edmonton	"	"	"	"
111.	Mameo Beach	"	"	"	"
112.	St. Margaret's -Edmonton Hungarian	"	"	"	"
113.	Sangudo	"	"	"	"
114.	Sherwood Park	"	1959 by Mrs. L. T. Melton		
115.	Calahoo	"	"	"	"

NOTE:- 86 Councils active in 1959. Paid up members - 4,167
Honorary members - 251, Life members - 2. 30 scrolls presented to
members having 25 or more years of active membership.

116.	Sylvan Lake	Organized 1961 - by Mrs. Melton			
117.	Innisfree	"	" or 62	"	"
118.	Winterburn	"	"	"	"
119.	St. Francis Xavier-Edmonton.	"	"	"	"
120.	Our Lady of the Angles Fort Saskatchewan	"	"	"	"
121.	Hobbema, Our Lady of Sorrows	"	"	"	"
122.	Sundre, Our Lady of Fatima	"	"	"	"
123.	Eckville - St. Mary's	"	"	"	"
124.	Buck Lake - St. Anne's	"	"	"	"
125.	Penhold- Our Lady of Victory	"	"	"	"

- 126. Rimbey-St. Margaret's Organized 1961 or 62 - by Mrs. Melton
- 127. Bluffton - Our Lady of the Assumption - Organized 1961 or 62 by Mrs. Melton
- 128. Coal Valley - Organized in 1950

NOTE:- Coal Valley really was organized but it was a mining town which was depopulated, later, like Cadomin and others and which does not exist now.

Year 1962 - Mrs. L. T. Melton, who has done yeoman work in organization and development, at no expense to the Diocesan CWL - states that seven new councils were organized during this year. The names of these are included in the above list, which, with the councils which have disbanded, makes our total to date 113 with an overall membership of 4,882. Mrs. Melton was invited to speak re the League on fourteen different occasions and visited nineteen different councils during the past CWL year. Mrs. Melton also arranged for and attended three Regional Conferences, a new venture this year by Edmonton Civic Action Committee, Red Deer, and Camrose.

SOCIAL SERVICE

When the very first unit of the Catholic Women's League was formed in the year 1912 in the City of Edmonton its main object was 'Service' to others without reward or remuneration, so it cannot be successfully denied that its primary objective was 'Social Service' to be offered freely and joyously, for the love of God, to any one in need, particularly those of the 'household of the Faith' and all down these fifty years the same objective has been followed under so many names and so many guises that it is rather difficult to adhere to any one line of endeavor in reporting 'Social Service.'

You have already read about Rosary Hall, the Sisters of Service, the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, St. Mary's Home, the Sisters of Providence, the Sisters of the Atonement, War Work, etc., etc., all of which are Social Service, so anything I can say here will have to be in the nature of repetition and as it is said - "You can't have too much of a good thing", I shall do my best not to bore you.

1912 - First unit of the CWL formed in Canada. Main objective - To Welcome and assist women immigrants from Europe, seven Edmonton city parishes taking part, St. Joachim's, St. Joseph's, Sacred Heart, Immaculate Conception, St. Anthony's, Jesuit and Franciscan. And although there was lots of mud in Edmonton fifty years ago, it had a population of over 53,000 and was not a village nor did it operate on village standards, neither was it a refuge for 'soldiers of fortune' but rather a rendezvous for some of the keenest minds of eastern Canada and of Europe, particularly of the British Isles, intent on

wresting from these great open spaces the wealth of the land and its tremendous resources, denied to them in the crowded places in which they had formerly lived.

But, as always, there were the misfits, the unfortunates, and the natural leaners to be helped by the strong and brave and the lifters who must, by their very nature help those who need it, whether such helping springs from natural or supernatural motives.

You have read how Rosary Hall and all the rest operated in those years. You have read how the CWL did superlative work during those wretched war years from August, 1914, to 1918 when the Armistice was declared on Nov. 11.

In 1914, we read of the first recorded Hospital Visiting and of two CWL members being added to the Juvenile Court and the Child Welfare Committees.

Year - 1917 - Aid to Wayward girls - Girls taken from Good Shepherd Home, by various women, to movies at Monarch and Empress Theatres and to the Golf Links for outings. Vacant lots planted for Sisters of Good Shepherd and Rosary Hall. (Vegetables provided. Mrs. J. J. Duggan appointed sewing convener for the Childrens Aid Society Boarding Home on the South Side. Juvenile and Womens Courts attended. Clothes for expectant mothers collected. Homes found for children. Women police gave special care to girls in public places. Employment found for 56 girls. Managers and employers interviewed.

Year 1920 - Destitute old couple assisted with food and clothes - helped send mother and child back to England - fruit and Xmas Cheer sent to patients

in hospitals - new-comers called on.

1921 - Soldier's family, very poor, supplied with food, clothing and toys for four small children. Grant of \$25 a month secured for this family thru Patriotic Fund Committee. Year 1922 - CWL Comfort Corner set up. Operated one year or so. Convener not mentioned.

1926 - Checks sent to 'Sunshine' (Edmonton Journal's Xmas Cheer Committee) St. Mary's Home, Good Shepherd, Royal Alex Hospital, Sisters of Service, Rosary Hall, and University Hospital. All hospitals received gifts for patients.

1928 - 'Second Comfort Corner' started with Mrs. F. J. Conroy in charge. Worked in small room off the furnace room in St. Joseph's Cathedral until 1933 when I appealed to Archbishop O'Leary for a more extensive and competent handling of the hundreds of cases, single men, families, women and children needing assistance.

1929 - Thru the good offices of Miss Eva Dillon, help was secured from a city estate by means of which Christmas Hampers were sent out to every family asking for same. A system of check and double check with other agencies, by which all benefitted, enabled us to avoid duplications. In 1931 we had the Layette Club which provided and made baby clothes for needy mothers. Prominent in this work were Mrs. L.T. Melton, Mrs. J. House. In 1932 - Comfort Corner had 270 calls for assistance in the City of Edmonton and 125 from country points, also 150 from single men. 5,372 articles of clothing, etc., sent out and

Xmas hampers to 79 families. After Mrs. Conroy resigned from the Comfort Corner work in 1933, Rev. Fr. T. Ryan was appointed by Archbishop O'Leary doing wonderful work for several years, with the able assistance of Mrs. M. MacDonald, who had also assisted me for some years previous to his taking over. Splendid reports for several years with thousands of articles given out as well as sound advice and spiritual help from Father Ryan. Christmas calls attended to. Work during this period was carried on in the old Fire Hall on 98th Street. Possibly until the onslaught of the 2nd World War in 1939, lasting until 1945.

May, 1940 - Miss Lillian Thompson of the Edmonton Council of Social Agencies spoke to a meeting of the Edmonton Senior Subdivision explaining current attempts to co-ordinate all welfare organizations in Edmonton. In January, 1941, a motion by Mrs. F. J. Conroy, seconded by Mrs. H. Coley, "That the Edmonton Senior Subdivision give their co-operation to Rev. Fr. Ryan re suggested 'Community Chest' on whatever basis meeting shall decide upon" - Carried. Co-operation offered re Refugee children. In April, 1941, Rev. Fr. T. Ryan spoke of necessity of Federating Catholic Charities for better cooperation with Council of Social Agencies. (Mr. Henry Roche - Pres. 1943). Community Chest campaign started on Sept. 29, 1941. Mrs. P. R. Gaboury reported work on Community Chest to start in September for 1942.

Nov. 9, 1942 - Catholic women, (not all CWL members), collected \$2,570. for Community Chest.

In 1943 - Miss Eileen Miller, National Scholarship winner, was Catholic

worker on Edmonton Welfare Bureau. Nov. 1944 - Catholic women collected \$3,360.00 for Community Chest. Nov., 1945 - Catholic women collected \$4,020.00 for Community Chest. Dec., 1945 - \$50.00 donated to Juniors for Xmas treats for orphans at O'Connell. Groceries and hampers to poor at Xmas. Sept. 3, 1946 - New Catholic Welfare worker, Miss Betty Quinn, with Edmonton Welfare Bureau. Mrs. F. J. Conroy representative on Welfare Bureau. Gave report to CWL meeting on Social Agencies Dealing with Boys' Detention Home, about which complaints had been made and which committee visited, Mrs. Conroy being a member of this committee, Old Age Pensioners, Blind, Family Welfare. Charlotte Whitton appointed by IODE to investigate Government and other Welfare Agencies in Edmonton. Mrs. David Fulton guest speaker at CWL meeting in March, 1947. Mrs. D. M. O'Brien and Mrs. F. J. Conroy named by Archbishop as committee to visit and make report on Catholic institutions caring for orphans and others. Good report on all. Government Welfare given much adverse publicity by IODE, most of which was explained by lack of trained workers but no actual wrong doing by anyone. The whole affair was very unpleasant and caused much hard feeling but possibly made us aware of a few items that might be improved.

Dec. 9, 1947 - Mrs. G. Dearing and Mrs. F. J. Conroy to see Miss Dick of Family Welfare Bureau, re appeals for aid. Glasses for elderly couple paid for.

Jan., 1948 - St. Joseph's Hospital wing opening Jan. 24th and 25th.

CWL to serve. Mrs. Conroy resigns from Family Welfare Bureau.

Feb. 8, 1948 - Tea for Blind planned for March 18th. March 1948, \$15. to St. Mary's Home for sports equipment. 30 CWL members acted as hostesses during operation of free Chest X-Ray Clinic. 21 CWL members helped in Canadian Aid to Blind Campaign, collecting \$617.09. Edmonton Seniors donated \$50. to Blind Campaign. Nov. 9, 1948 - Plea made for destitute children of Europe and Committee named. Nov. 29, 1948 - Toys and 20 lbs. candy sent to 36 children in St. Theresa's School at Wabasca.

Dec. 14, 1948 - 4 meetings have been held by sewing club helping destitute children of Europe in response to appeal of Rev. Fr. Berger, S.J., Toronto. Thirty-eight boxes of clothing, all mended, were shipped and freight paid to Toronto. 1,506 pieces sent. Some children (Catholic) reported placed in Ex-Servicemen's Home. Father Britton to endeavor to get them into Catholic institutions.

March, 1949 - CWL representative, Mrs. F. J. Conroy, worked on Committee for the 'Elks' Save the Children Fund'. CWL donated \$25.00 and six boxes of clothing. Mrs. Conroy, Treasurer for Elks' Committee reported over \$300.00 taken at Sunday evening concert in Capitol Theatre, courtesy of Mrs. Walter Wilson.

March, 1949 - Names of persons representing the following Catholic Institutions phoned to council of Social Agencies - Residential Club, Sisters of Atonement, St. Mary's Home, Misericordia Creche - Good Shepherd Home,

O'Connell Institute, and Rosary Hall. 150 girls from European camps now working as domestics in hospitals. Community Chest reported that CWL captured top honors for Community Chest collecting, 14% or \$5,556.00 of the total amount collected.

Oct. 1949 - Mrs. L. Maynard arranged with R.C.M.P. to have boys at St. Mary's Home given physical training once a week at R.C.M.P. Barracks.

Dec. 1949 - Letter from Council of Social Agencies announcing closing date for requests for Christmas Hampers. Toys and candy again sent to Wabasca. Also parcel sent to Fort Vermilion, expense of which was defrayed by the Sacred Heart Parish.

Dec. 1949 - Clothing to needy family out of the city. 38 articles to displaced persons in city Parish; \$40.00 spent on patients in Camell Hospital; 46 to Greece;

Jan. 1950 - 11 hampers to needy families. Sept. 12, 1950 - dolls and toys to Indian children at Wabasca - Eight Boxes clothing sent to 'Save the Children Fund'.

Dec. 12, 1950 - Check for \$35.00 sent to Wards 9 and 10 - Camell.

Dec. 12, 1950 - Since the movement to make all CWL groups into Parish subdivisions it was decided at this meeting to disband. A committee was appointed to dispose of Edmonton Sr. CWL assets, money on hand being divided among Sisters of Service, St. Mary's Home, O'Connell Institute, and Sisters of the Atonement. The CWL Table with inset commemorating the 25th Anniv.

of the Edmonton CWL, together with a very fine crucifix in shadow-box frame, brought from the Holy Land as a gift to the Senior CWL are in charge of Rev. Fr. Mark Murphy of St. Andrew's Parish who was Edmonton Senior Sudbivision Chaplain in the year 1950.

Since the year 1950, the CWL Civic Action Committee of Edmonton attends to putting on the usual teas for the various homes and orphanages, also hospital visiting and, occasionally, other projects which appear to be of general city-wide interest and have the approval of the Civic Action Director, Rev. J.W. Burke of the Immaculate Conception Parish. The Parishes can also be asked by the Diocesan Council for assistance in works of general interest throughout Canada, but generally speaking, the national scholarship is about the only project that is so handled now, unless ordered by the National Director, with the consent of the Dioceses concerned. The parishes are, for the most part, self-contained and initiate their own projects. After ten years, I would suggest that one effect of this policy might be to leave many energetic, willing and enthusiastic Catholic women empty-handed so far as projects are concerned, unless they interest themselves in projects initiated by secular groups. However, the 1962 report of the Social Action Convener is very wonderful - 86 councils reported. Assistance was given to the aged, under-privileged, sick needy at home, in hospitals, sanatoriums, and orphanages. Visits to above 6,825 - New and used clothing donated to the value of \$6,347.00 for Food - \$2,079.00, - 96 children placed in 58 foster

homes - 14 children adopted into 9 homes - 11 Councils had speakers to explain the Foster Home project. Over 4,500 hours were spent working for Cancer Clinic, Mental Health, T.B., Red Cross, John Howard Society, and other local and national organizations. Many CWL members spend much of their time and effort at the Marion Centre, but as this is not sponsored by the CWL, I have no report on it.

An item which was overlooked in the report of 1930 is, I think, of special interest. At the CWL Diocesan Convention that year, Mrs. J. Mc Elhone of Stettler, Diocesan President, presided at the luncheon in the Hudsonia on Saturday, Oct. 13th, when Magistrate Emily Murphy gave a most interesting talk on 'Juvenile Delinquency'. Magistrate Murphy was the first WOMAN JUDGE in Alberta and knew her subject well. She praised the work of the Good Shepherd Sisters, who opened their doors to girls who would, otherwise, await trial in the cells. She drew attention to the need at Oliver Mental Institute for institutional care for the three or four thousand mentally deficient children in Alberta who need such care and she maintained that many young people, coming before her, were neglected rather than criminal, some of them being brought into Edmonton and 'dumped' on the street to find work. She stated that, among young boys appearing before her, that 90% of all crime amongst them was thieving. She also stated that children should be taught that law is not synonymous with punishment, but rather, with protection. Judge Murphy advised "Family Table Talks" as fine things, stressing the necessity of

teaching young people the symptoms of crime and how to avoid them.

Catholic Social Service in Edmonton, is now in a sense on its own, though still working for and benefitting by the Community Chest. Rev. Wm. Irwin and his staff including qualified Social workers, has an office in the LeMarchand Bldg., and is doing very fine work among Catholics of this city who need advice and assistance.

FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF THE ATONEMENT

The year 1928 marked the beginnings of the work of the Sisters of the Atonement in Edmonton, when four of these good sisters came from New York to work among Ukrainian girls, who might be attending High School in Edmonton. Mrs. J. W. Connolly was Edmonton Diocesan President at this time. The Sisters first took a small house and later on an old house at 9618 - 106 Ave. where, for various reasons they found they could not continue the above work and so changed to the care of small children of both sexes.

For the first few years, the Sisters struggled valiantly with a minimum of help, and only record I have being a donation in 1927-28 at Christmastime. However, if I may be permitted to draw on my own remembrance of that time, I believe there were several Teas and Showers given, but the CWL Minutes are incomplete between 1929 and 1932, so I hesitate to corroborate this. However, I am sure that some of the rural subdivisions helped just as they did in 1942 when produce was sent in, especially from Warspite. In 1933, the Minutes mention an amount of \$75.75 raised and contributions were received from the East. Mrs. Carson, of Warspite commended for her great interest and effective work. Cash contributions, etc. as follows: 1934, Cash \$70.50; 1935, Cash \$62.75; 1936, Cash \$106.35; 1937, Cash \$70.50; 1938, Cash \$89.27; 1939, Cash amount not given; 1940, Cash \$176.50; 1941, 1942, Cash \$362. This year they came under the Community Chest. No record of what was received from this source.

In March, 1942, they moved into the building which they now occupy at 11035 - 92 St. The average number of children cared for, at this time, was 70 to 75.

April 12, 1942 - Opening Tea netted \$70.40 with a further amount of \$83.35. The Sisters' report for 1942 stated that they had 38 boys and 40 girls. Sixteen of these were adopted by private homes, others were placed in country homes, no number stated to us. The Sisters conducted a kindergarten for children from 3 1/2 to 6 years of age, for children in the home as well as an average of ten to 18 outsiders in attendance. Children receive medical and dental care as required. Recreational and outdoor activities provided. The Joyeux Noel Club under the convenership of Mme. A. Dow and Miss K. Colbert sponsored a Christmas Tree and goodies, including toys.

Two Sisters visit Catholic patients at the Royal Alex Hospital. Also visit sick in their homes. On four different occasions, children have been brought in at two or three o'clock in the morning. One night, City police brought in seven children ranging in age from two to nine years. Once, at night, a baby, sixteen days old and five little brothers and sisters were brought in. Of these nine girls and seven boys were charity cases whose board along for 350 days at the very low rate of forty cents a day, cost \$940.

Year 1943 - CWL Contribution - \$150.

Year 1944 - CWL Contribution - \$100.

Year 1945 - Eleven councils contributed \$62.90 and 124 dozen eggs -

26 pounds of butter, 20 pounds of lard, 6 pounds of pork, and three boxes of baby clothing. Edmonton Seniors gave \$12. for Easter treat. Tea Netted \$401.65 and other supplies.

Year 1945 - \$100. from private estate - Edmonton Seniors \$50.00, Viking \$3.00

Year 1946 - \$100. from private estate - Donations from Viking, Tofield Spring Lake, Rosalind, Trochu, Lumni, Lloydminster, Camrose, Killam..\$46.

Year 1947 - No report available.

Year 1948 - 75 boys and girls in Home. Annual Senior Sub. Tea - \$216.05, which was used to buy cod-liver oil.

Year 1949 - Tea - \$178. also \$500. raised by raffle for summer camp, etc.

Year 1950 - When the Edmonton Senior Subdivision disbanded, money in the Treasury was distributed to the Homes, including Sisters of the Atonement. No record of amounts given at this time, available.

Year 1951 - The ladies of the Sacred Heart Parish, in Edmonton, took the Atonement Home as their special project. No report for this year.

Year 1952 - When St. Mary's home was re-vamped as an Industrial School, the small boys were taken to the Atonement Home.

Year 1952 - The Sacred Heart Parish ladies put on a very successful bazaar for the Atonement Home. \$107.50 plus goods worth \$55.00 approximately,

Year 1953 - Tea - \$65.

Year 1954 - Tea \$78.34

Year 1955 - Tea \$187.50

Year 1956 - Tea \$50.00 plus \$20. worth of supplies.

For the ensuing years, reports were made thru the Civic Action Committee and the money raised by the Sacred Heart Parish since taking over this convener-ship amounts to the amazing total of \$15,475. These good ladies also spent long hours mending, doing this on a continuing basis. The sisters in, 1962, have a fine building and are fulfilling in a wonderful way, Our Lord's command 'suffer the little children to come unto Me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven.'

CITIZENSHIP

In the early days of the Catholic Womens' League in Edmonton, starting with the year 1912, CITIZENSHIP was a sort of 'two-dollar' word, used only by important people on special occasions. Of Course, before the Canadian Citizenship Act came into force In 1948, we were British subjects and found that title an open-sesame almost any place in the world. The word, in the West, that marked anyone as acceptable was that he or she was 'a good neighbor'. Well, there you are! Being a good citizen is being 'a good neighbor' in the widest sense of the word. We nearly all spoke English in one fashion or another, making language difficulties much simpler than they are now when we have so many people from Eastern Europe here, especially the Hungarians, whose alphabet is so different from ours that contact and study is really hard. Came the Canadian Citizenship Act and people who had lived in Alberta for as long as twenty-five or more years, rushed to make application for Citizenship. I have seen packed Court Rooms, where there were as many as ten in that long-residence category. Among these there would be Frenchmen from France, who as long as they were eligible for conscription **could not become residents of** another country without the written permission of the **President of France**. I got this bit of information from the French consul here, quite a few years ago. So, now, to be a really good citizen, one must not only take a lively interest in the politics of the country and of the province, but, also, in the council of the city, town or village where you reside, and in the school-board, as well. And you must vote and know who and what you are voting for and to really

'polish up your citizenship' you should belong to or support any number of organizations that have sprung up, like mushrooms, in the past twenty years, all for excellent purposes, but so numerous that one sometimes wonders if there will soon be a dearth of 'lifters' to keep the 'leaners' on their feet. Some men might say, "It all started when they gave women the vote", but so many women don't use their vote that I wonder. There is only one way to find out if women value the vote, - threaten to take it away from them if a fixed percentage does not turn out on every election day in a given year.

CITIZENSHIP sometimes seems to go hand in hand with immigration and sometimes with Legislation so you will probably find a mixture in this report.

Organized in 1912, the Edmonton CWL was barely on its feet, ready to do immigration work when World War I broke out in August, 1914, which effectively cut off the tide of immigration but plunged every available woman into WAR WORK. That was the face of Citizenship for the next four years and even longer in the rehabilitation era.

By 1921, this Diocese had seventeen subdivisions, including the Edmonton Catholic Business girls, with Miss Edna Bakewell as President. Then came the Edmonton Juniors, with Miss Catherine McGrath as President. And when the National Convention was held in Edmonton, there were thirty-three subdivisions with a membership of nearly 1,800. The 1924 Convention informed delegates of the needs of the West and that knowledge resulted in the West receiving many chapels, portable altars, linen, vestments and many other such items which

isolated western points needed so much. We have not forgotten how good you were to us, dear Eastern friends.

In 1926 - Archbishop Henry J. O'Leary was National Chaplain of the CWL and Rev. Dr. McGuigan was Chaplain of the Edmonton Diocesan CWL.

In 1928 Edmonton joined the National in support of the League of Nations.

In 1929 - Mrs. Frank Dynes, of Edmonton, attended the Third Triennial World Conference on Education, held in Vancouver and brought back to us one of the most interesting reports I have ever read. Beautifully worded, too.
(see education)

In 1930 - a resolution supporting our sister subdivisions in Ontario in their efforts to secure recognition by the Ontario Government of the rights guaranteed Catholic Schools, at the time of Confederation. Also, that the present system of relief was inadequate and asking for Public Works to provide work for the unemployed.

1934 - Resolution in support of World Peace. In 1939 - a resolution was passed encouraging voluntary enlistment of Catholic women in the event of War or other National Crisis. Resolution re necessary changes in the Mothers' Allowance act. Resolution re entertainment for those who have enlisted in defence of Canada.

Year 1940 - Paper read by Citizenship Convener, Mrs. F. J. Conroy, entitled "No Nation can Rise Higher than the ideals of the Women Who Mother its Children", stressing community problems, as well as national ones and the

necessity for active interest in both.

Year 1941 - Much Red Cross work done. Mrs. F. J. Conroy appointed head for Alberta Womens Regional Committee to the Wartime Prices and Trade Board.

Year 1942 - Corporate Holy Communion on last Sunday of each month for duration of war. SpiritualBouquet sent to the principal chaplains overseas as our Christmas message to our fighting men. Members asked to assist parish priests, if possible, in solution of domestic difficulties which are a great source of worry to a number of men overseas and which interfere seriously with their morale. Asked to send Catholic literature to men overseas.

1943 - Mrs. F. J. Conroy reported as member of Family Welfare Bureau and local Ration Board. Mrs. Conroy said that, on National Questionnaire the question is asked, - "Have you a Citizenship Convener?" Only 1 subdivision answered Yes, but when the following question was asked, "What part do you take in Community activities" all subdivisions report extensive work. Mrs. Conroy explained that the work they were doing WAS Citizenship work, that a Convener of Citizenship should be appointed and a complete record of all activities connected with Community interests be recorded for reporting at Convention.

Year 1945 - Committee working on problems of rehabilitation. Mrs. Conroy is a member of the Edmonton Rehabilitation Committee, Chairman of the Womens' Division of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board for Alberta and a

member of the Family Welfare Bureau which operates under the Council of Social Agencies.

Year 1946 - As a member of the executive of the Rehabilitation Council, Mrs. Conroy attends the regular monthly meeting and two Executive meetings each month. Work of Council covers every phase of rehabilitation for both men and women. Suggestions from the Rehabilitation Council go forward to Ottawa, frequently with excellent results. One of the finest pieces of work done by the Rehabilitation Council this year, has been the advising and protecting of Ex-Servicemen from questionable Real Estate and other deals, in fact, the Real Estate Association passed a resolution urging all its members to present their deals to the Rehabilitation Council for approval before completing them with the ex-serviceman. This came as a result of the pressure brought to bear on certain dealers, obliging them to make things right with the ex-serviceman with whom they had dealt. Mrs. Conroy now working on fifth year as Provincial Chairman of the Alberta Womens' Regional Advisory Committee to the Wartime Prices & Trade Board in Price Control and other matters. We have upwards of 600 contacts in Alberta, all of whom represent womens' groups. They are all helping in price watching, securing cooperation in the rationing program, Victory Bond Drives, conservation of food and clothing, etc. To do this, they take a few minutes at each meeting of their group to discuss items of interest from WPTB, distribute Consumers' News. They also take part in remake groups and conserve all scarce articles. National Conferences of

Provincial Chairmen take place in Ottawa, each year and monthly and other meetings are held. A speaker's panel is ready at all times to address groups. An important phase of this work was speaking to girls in the service before their discharge. The Calgary REMAKE centre was outstanding. Edmonton had one, also.

Two resolutions went forward to National this year on the above, as follows:-

1. Whereas, we are deeply conscious of the benefits received by the Consumer thru the Standards Administration of the Wartime Prices & Trade Board, THEREFORE, We petition the National CWL to request that Standards Administration be continued under some form of Government control, after WPTB ceases to function."

2. WHEREAS, we realize the tremendous importance to the Canadian consumer of the Consumer Branch of WPTB in cooperation with womens' organizations in Price Control and related activities, THEREFORE, Be it resolved, - That we petition the National CWL to request the Government to retain some form of Consumer representation under Government aegis."

Year 1947 - At the Edmonton Diocesan Convention, Mrs. Conroy gave talk on the new Consumer Association. The meeting passed a resolution asking the Federal Government to retain some form of control of rents until such time as there is sufficient accomodation for everyone.

Year - 1949 -50 - Speaking on Citizenship & Legislation, Mrs. Conroy urged all to take a personal interest in both and not only to be informed but, where needed, to make representations re both. The following resolution was passed:-

WHEREAS, new Canadians, upon receiving their citizenship papers are given remembrances of the occasion by various organizations, -

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, -

That the CWL present these new Canadians with a Card listing locations of Catholic Churches (in Edmonton) and the hours of Masses."

Also- "That Hostel for Indian men and women be provided.

WHEREAS - It is a shocking fact that Indian men and women are refused admittance to city hotels, when necessity, such as waiting for a hospital bed or other business requires them to stay in Edmonton overnight, -

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, -

That the Edmonton Diocesan Council of the CWL of Canada, petition the Government Department responsible for Indian Welfare to provide a suitable hostel where Indians, who are obliged to stay overnight in Edmonton may have accomodation under proper auspices."

Year 1951 - The need to be well informed on the Constitution of Canada was stressed and attention called to the splendid pamphlets available by the Department of Citizenship for the use of new Canadians. Attention was called, also, to the fact that 'Family Courts' which the Edmonton CWL has advocated for several years, were mentioned in the Alberta Government's Speech from the Throne'. Mrs. Mary McDonnell first brought this to the League's attention some years ago. Also that the Federal Government is moving to secure OLD AGE PENSIONS for all over seventy years of age, with a 'MEANS' test and for those 65 or over who are needy, without a MEANS Test.

Year 1952 - Greater interest shown in the minor phases of public life - 286 members in Home & School Associations - 22 in Cancer Assns. - 19 Red Cross Boards - 4 on Welfare Organizations. Mrs.P.R. Gaboury is Chairman of the Womens' Division of the Edmonton Community Chest - Mrs. Conroy is a member of the City Archives Committee and representative for Alberta on the National

Library Board; Miss Catherine McGrath is the first woman to sit on the Separate School Board in Edmonton. Mrs. Conroy was Alberta rep. on Dominion Library Board for 4 years. Important Acts Passed in Alberta Legislature:-

Bill # 76 - An Act to provide for the establishment of Family Courts.

Bill #80 - An Act to provide for the establishment and constitution of a Juvenile Court.

Bill #104 - An Act to cooperate with the Government of Canada and other Public authorities in the provision of housing.

Year 1953 - Mrs. Jas. Hutton reported that 8 Civil Defence lectures had been given by qualified speakers in St. Joseph's Cathedral, during April and May, to forty-one representatives of city subdivisions. A booklet, entitled, "The Ten Steps to Canadian Citizenship" may be obtained by writing to the Citizenship & Immigration Branch of the Federal Government at Ottawa.

Various Provincial Legislation of special interest reported in 24 Bills passed.

1954 - Honors to members - Mrs. D. M. O'Brien, Mrs. P.R. Gaboury, Mrs. E. Kehoe of Camrose and Mrs. F.J. Conroy of Edmonton receive the Bene Merenti Medal from His Holiness, Pope Pius XII.

At the Edmonton Diocesan Convention in 1954, Mr. Andrew Thomson, Federal Representative for the Department of Citizenship & Immigration, showed films and gave a lecture on Immigration, stating that over a million immigrants had come to Canada since World War II. He was assisted by Mr. Orval Allen, then president of the Edmonton Citizenship Council and now appointed Judge Allen of the Edmonton Citizenship Court. Mrs. Jas. Hutton reported Course in First Aid as a follow-up to our Civil Defence Course. United Nations yearly

fee paid, Mrs. F. J. Conroy, our representative on the executive of the Edmonton Citizenship Council, Sister Smeltzer (Sisters of Service) and Mrs. J. Lesburg are on Citizenship Council.

Twenty-one subdivisions report being active on Red Cross, CNIB, Cancer, Child Welfare, Community Chest, Hospital Auxilliaries and Home & School groups.

Year 1955 - Mrs. R. Byers and Mrs. F. J. Conroy attended sessions of the Provincial Government Committee dealing with salacious literature and crime comics. Mrs. A. Maure, a CWL member from St. Anthony's Parish (sister of Rt. Rev. Msgr. Malone) appointed to head Provincial Government Committee on Crime Comics. (Five years on this committee as Chairman.)

Year 1956 - Mr. D. Herbert of St. Joseph's Seminary, gave talk on Newstand Problems at Diocesan Convention. Spoke of 3,000 IMAGE books being placed in hospitals, drug stores, confectionaries, etc., thus substituting good reading for bad. He suggested that women ask their dealers for these and, if possible, hand the book agent a list. Eight (8) CWL members attended a Citizenship Ceremony at the Court House when 67 persons received their Citizenship papers. Also CWL representative on League of Nations, local branch. League assisted three young Catholic women to attend leadership course at Banff School of Fine Arts, sponsored by Canadian Council of Christians and Jews. Tuition paid for two of them.

Year 1957 - Acting on instructions from Provincial President and with

the approval of our Director, letters of protest sent to Mr. Pickersgill, regarding proposed expulsion of Indians from Hobbema Reserve. Mr. Pickersgill's secretary replied. Indians were not expelled. Mrs. J. Lesburg, Citizenship Convener very ably took charge of several tea meetings for those who had just received their Citizenship papers. Mrs. Lesburg's reports usually left out a great deal of personal work and effort which she expended on many of these people. Knowing some French and a lot of German added to her outstanding efficiency in this work. Mrs. A. Challand and Mrs. Wm. Wells, of St. Joseph's Parish, worked tirelessly and without pay for five months, five days a week, at the clothing depot for Hungarian immigrants. Mrs. A. Woodman also on Hungarian Relief Committee. Also have representative on John Howard Society.

Year 1958 - Mrs. J. Lesburg - Convener - 52 Councils reporting -

Wreath laid on Cenotaph on Remembrance Day. Member of Citizenship Council, United Nations and John Howard Society. 59 members canvassed for Cancer Society and seventy gave assistance at the Marian Center. A number of donations have been received. Clothing and work have been provided and entertainment planned for many new Canadians. Mrs. A. Woodman, CWL Convener for John Howard Society. Father LaFarr, Calgary, Provincial chairman and Father W. Irwin, Edmonton Chairman.

Year 1959 - Same as above with addition of membership in Canadian Association of Consumers, Provincial Health Board, Rehabilitation Society and Council of Catholic Nurses. Mrs. J. R. Wilson CWL representative on United

Nations Society.

Year 1960 - Edmonton visited by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth.

Mrs. L. Melton, Diocesan President, invited to luncheon for her Majesty on grounds of Legislative Bldgs. Sent bouquet to Madam G. Vanier, wife of Governor-General, on occasion of Their Excellencies' visit to Edmonton, receiving kind note in acknowledgement. Entertained National Convention at Macdonald Hotel, Oct. 4-5 and 6th. Mrs. L. Timperley now Citizenship Convener. Workshop on Citizenship held in Edmonton in October. 70 Councils reported membership in various groups.

Year 1961 - Three CWL members, Mrs. D. Melton, Mrs. C.D. Kelly of Edmonton and Mrs. R. Byers and Mrs. E. Kehoe of Camrose, received Bene Merenti medals at National Convention Banquet, in Edmonton. Mrs. Timperley reported that during the year 1961 - one thousand, eight hundred and sixty-one (1,861) new Canadians received their Citizenship papers in Edmonton. Under the Convenership of Mrs. Timperley eight CWL Councils sponsored coffee parties for them after the Citizenship ceremonies. 70 members have taken part in Civil Defence classes. New Canadians were assisted in receiving their papers. Members belong to Welfare Brds., Civic Boards, take part in Cancer Drives, Red Cross, United Appeal, Mental Health and John Howard Society work. Members assisted strangers with transportation to and from Mass, obtaining clothing, furniture, passing on religious articles and magazines and procuring accomodation. Table made up for U.N. Coffee party on United Nations' Day

by Mrs. J. R. Wilson. Mrs. Guy Beaudry convener John Howard Association.

Year 1962 - Mrs. L. Timperly - Convener - organized Civil Defence meetings and has taken part in four Hospital Disaster Plan exercises. Also took part in instructing First-Aid courses and A Casualty Simulation Course. Gave very fine Xmas parties for those receiving their Citizenship papers in the Christmas season with Christmas tree and all the trimmings, and lent her set-up including trees and decorations to a group doing similar work, which saved them a great deal of effort. Forty new Canadians given assistance with their papers. Seventy-one on Civil Defence Courses.

Having been privileged to actually see both Mrs. Lesburg and Mrs. Timperly in their splendid work for new Canadians, I wish to state that they are in the front ranks of dedicated, generous and capable CWL Conveners.

Some years ago an effort was made to do something about greater concern and friendliness to overseas students at the University of Alberta. We found only one Catholic among these people and the 'Newman Club' was contacted. However, Mrs. J. W. Gilles (wife of Prof. Gilles) supplied me with the names of a great many others, from all over the world. So far as I know that was the one time the CWL made an effort to help overseas students. The Newman Club is now doing this work.

IMMIGRATION

No one can deny that, in the first seven years of Edmonton's CWL existence the work that was done was in the highest brackets of Citizenship, but it might be argued that it was not the kind of work that, usually, comes under the heading of CITIZENSHIP. So we shall not reiterate the splendid work of Rosary Hall, the patriotic endeavours of World War I, the welfare work, the hospital visiting, etc., but I do think we should report the 'Court Work' under which prisoners coming from jail were met, meals and other necessities provided, etc., the Sisters of the Good Shepherd helping very considerably. Day to day details are missing, but one can see that a real effort was made to help in the rehabilitation of these unfortunates. Here, as elsewhere, in this history I am handicapped by the fact that the 'doers' of those days were more interested in 'not letting their right hand know what their left hand did' than in edifying others by reporting it.

In 1922 our committee visited various Ukrainian settlements and efforts were made to assist these newcomers in adapting to Canadian ways and conditions and, in particular, to help them learn good citizenship a la Canadian and with the Catholic emphasis. However, even in those early days, Mrs. J. J. Duggan was alert to the menace of Communism among these newcomers and reported the existence of about forty (40) schools where the teachers, blind leaders of the blind, were inculcating Communism into even childish thinking, and she saw the necessity of offsetting their efforts as one of the biggest tasks of that period. Also, in 1922 there were ten thousand children in Canadian orphanages and the

West had its share of abandoned babies, unmarried mothers, broken homes, Indians cheated of land given to them by the Canadian Government with a bottle of fire-water frequently being the price these unscrupulous grabbers gave them for a quarter section. It seemed an almost impossible task to cope successfully with all the evils of 'man's inhumanity to man'. At the National Convention in Edmonton in 1924, the Rev. George Daly, CSsR., gave a talk on Immigration which helped to steer our efforts into the right channels. And on an evening with Western Missionaries, Rev. Fr. Dominic Rowland, Rev. Fr. Louis Clererier and Rev. Fr. Jos. Macdonald, further altered the CWL as to the role they could play in Alberta. One of the very tangible results to this very day was the work of the Sisters of Service, meeting trains, visiting cafes and other places where these girls were employed, supplying a safe, residential home away from home, and teaching Catechism in isolated sections of Alberta or where there was no Separate School. Only in eternity, I guess, will we realize what these self-effacing, self-sacrificing Sisters of Service have done 'For God and Canada' in Alberta and elsewhere. In 1925 they opened a hospital in Vilna, to which many new Canadians gave their support. With increasing immigration in the year 1925, the CWL increased its efforts and contributions from the various centres in which the CWL was established, increased in volume, both in cash and other lines. In 1926, to help Rev. Fr. Hughes with his work among the Ukrainians, a DOWER CHEST made by Mr. J. Chisholm and filled with beautiful needlework contributed by the Ukrainian ladies, was raffled and

the sum of \$1,200. made.

At the 1928 CWL Diocesan Convention, Mrs. W.J. Connolly presiding, an address on Immigration was given by Rev. Fr. McIntyre, who traced the activities of the Scottish Immigration Society from the year 1922. These Scottish people settled west of Red Deer, east of Camrose, around St. Paul and north of Vermilion, and have built at least three churches. (I do not have the data on other such developments). At this meeting considerable discussion took place re the Dominion Government C.P.R. and Scottish Immigration scheme.

The National Convention of the CWL was held in Calgary in 1928 and our delegate was present. In 1932 we still had an Immigration Convener, but, owing to the depression, there were few immigrants and conservation of what had already been accomplished strained every resources. In 1933 the name of Grande Prairie appears in our CWL Minutes, for the first time. It was then the only subdivision on what was later Grouard Diocese.

Aid to newcomers was reported by several of our CWL Subdivisions, The Sisters of the Atonement started work in Edmonton in 1928, their first project being the care of high school students coming to Edmonton to continue their education. But times were so hard and everybody so poor that this did not workout, and they changed over to the care of orphans and other children in need of their help. In 1934 the Sisters of Service were meeting travellers and co-operating with the YWCA and Travellers' Aid in this endeavor. The President

of Edmonton Seniors, Mrs. F. J. Conroy, advised that during the depression many families had been moved from the drouth areas by the Government.

Also that European men, in Canada, were now sending for their families and we had to be alert to help them when they arrived. Information about these families could be obtained from the Department of Agriculture, Edmonton, and from the Department of Colonization and Immigration, Ottawa. In 1935 a CWL Convener was appointed.

In 1936 there was very little immigration but the CWL urged its members, wherever there were these newcomers, to visit and assist them in any possible way, even if only in kindness and neighborliness. The possibility of forming a subdivision at Clandonald discussed and Study Groups were urged even if no formal subdivision could be accomplished at once. From then on until the declaration of war in 1939, there was very little immigration to this part of Canada. During the War years the only suggested work in this category was the possible placing of Child Refugees and Child Guests from possibly England.

In 1946 a Tea for War Brides, under the convenership of Mrs. F.J. Conroy was given at the Sisters of Service Hostel. Invitations were extended to thirty-nine but only nine attended. All were remembered at Christmas with a card and a small gift of whom only one made any acknowledgment.

In 1947 Rev. Father Malak, Polish Army Captain, guest speaker at the Edmonton Diocesan Convention banquet, outlined Poland's difficulties in the War Settlement, as follows:- Speaking of the Polish veterans, he said: 'At

present Polish veterans are undecided what to do, since, having their families and dear ones in Poland and not fearing the extraordinary work and privations of life there, they could not meet anything worse than what they have already gone through. They hesitate, however, to return to Poland, lest one day they be invited spend the rest of their lives in Siberia. Finally, it would be most difficult for them to familiarize themselves with the new occupants of their homeland, whose hands are stained with blood of their brothers; with the controlled Press; with the censure imposed upon the Word of God; with the Staff Officers uniform, who speak a foreign tongue; with the fact that only those who are Communists can obtain a job or advance to positions of authority."

In 1948 a Committee was set up to welcome Polish girls, working in Edmonton, at the Sisters of Service Hostel. In 1949 the Margaret Duggan Subdivision had a lovely party at the Sacred Heart Hall for displaced persons who are attending night school at St. Mary's High, where Miss Ann Fitzgerald was one of the English language teachers.

In 1950, Mrs. Flo Reilly reported that on May 10th the last certificates for our New Canadians will be given and also that the head of the 'Displaced Persons' for Canada will be in Edmonton very soon. No D.P. girls have arrived since last fall. Parties given for them by Margaret Duggan Subdivision and by Sisters of Service. Nearly all these girls married now. One is T.B. patient. Reported that they sing "God Save the King" with as much verve and fervor as our most loyal old-timer.

1949 - New girls arriving constantly, two from Africa, lately. When the D.P. girls first came to Canada about 20 to 25 attended the Thursday afternoon affairs at the S.O.S. Hostel. Now only about 15 and these seem to spend the afternoon shopping, and come to the Hostel just in time for supper! Some girls report difficulty in getting time off for Mass as most of them are working in Protestant homes. The girls are now busy making toys to be given to the orphanages at Christmas time. Mixed party at Sacred Heart Hall as well as other Christmas affairs.

Year 1951 - 52. Five members are prepared to meet and welcome newcomers, but our difficulty lies in having no advance notice of their coming. While the CWL takes no credit for the Basic English Classes conducted at St. Mary's High School, nor for the Masses and sermons in various languages provided by His Grace, Archbishop MacDonald for newcomers, we feel that this report would be incomplete without them. Archbishop MacDonald, speaking at the Diocesan Convention in 1953 said that one of the great difficulties is accommodation for a man and his family, which is often large. The employing farmer can supply work and accommodation for the man and wife, but, when he has seven to nine children, it is generally impossible to do so. These are desirable immigrants to Canada and it is important that this matter of a place to live, until they get established, be given every consideration, in an effort to solve this tremendous problem. Dutch, Polish, and Lithuanian priests are contacting, as far as is possible these immigrants on their arrival. His Grace

urged the CWL to do everything possible to assist in making these people comfortable and welcome in their adopted country. Miss Ann Fitzgerald, in her report, asked that immigrants be helped to learn Canadian ways, time for Mass, etc., shopping in self-serve stores, and also of the basic English classes provided by the Separate School Board, also that special books for learning English may be had from the Department of Education, Administration Bldg., Edmonton.

Year 1954 - Federal Office of Citizenship & Immigration opened in Edmonton. The CWL Immigration Committee enlarged to include conveners from various City Subdivisions. Father Peet (Director of Immigration work for Catholics in Edmonton), stressed need for hand of friendship being extended to these newcomers, especially to the women. Assistance was given at various times in the way of cooking utensils, furniture and clothing for at least their settling period, usually six weeks. A Bingo, which netted \$80. was put on, also a tea and grocery shower, at Father Peet's temporary church and residence, combined, in Beverly, with Mrs. Lesburg in charge, was most successful. The Margaret Duggan Subdivision put on a Christmas Party for 100 new Canadians and Vegreville, Lloydminster, and Camrose also assisted considerably in this work. In the report of 1955, it was noted that while many immigrants need assistance in Canada, our newcomers have brought to Canada the tremendous amount of four hundred million dollars, since 1946 and have invested \$75,000,000 in Canadian industries. In 1955 Mrs. J. Lesburg reported three families sponsored by two different subdivisions, 1150 pounds of clothing and 2,200 pounds

of food provided for newcomers. Other assistance consisted of food and shelter, visiting the sick, assistance in procuring employment, transportation to church, and generally helping with rehabilitation. Members of CWL attended many, many meetings of the Citizenship Council and five meetings where Citizenship papers were granted, and were hostesses on one occasion this year to 43 new Canadians.

In 1956 - Ten families and 1 single person sponsored. Employment secured for six. 400 pounds of clothing, 30 boxes of food, 314 Christmas treats given. Also layettes, shower of food, household articles and linens, transportation to and from church, Christmas treats, and employment.

Year 1957 - Convener represented CWL at various meetings held after new Canadians received Citizenship papers. Special mention must be made of the tremendous piece of work extending for five months, five days a week, without any remuneration, by Mrs. A. Challand and Mrs. Wm. Wells, at the Clothing Depot for Hungarian immigrants. This was a city-wide project and afforded tremendous assistance to victims of persecution from Hungary. When these people became acclimatized the project was taken over by the Hungarians. In 1958, Mrs. Lesburg was asked by Mr. Allen, then President of the Citizenship Council of Edmonton, to be the 'Court Ceremony' Convener, a position which she held for many, many of these Citizenship ceremonies where various organizations took turn in sponsoring the Tea given to new citizens after the Court Ceremony. In some weeks there was one of these every day,

and various representatives from city organizations took turn in sponsoring same and in having members attend. Mrs. Lesburg reports, this year cash, clothing and other assistance and also entertainment provided.

Year 1960 - Mrs. L. Timperly - Convener - made appeal for household effects to help 15 refugees who recently arrived in Edmonton. Now have Catholic Immigration Service at Information Centre, Edmonton.

Year 1961 - Mrs. Timperly reported that during the year, 1860 new Canadians had received their Citizenship papers. Eight Councils had sponsored coffee parties during five months of Court Ceremonies.

Year 1962 - Immigration program somewhat curtailed by the Government this year. All immigrants arriving in Canada must now have sufficient funds to take care of their needs, until they establish themselves, otherwise they must have a sponsor. During the past year the following assistance was given:-
Cash in emergencies, \$330.00. 93 new families visited, 24 received assistance, 10 entertained at social affairs, 5 secured employment, 13 provided with clothing, 2 families house of furniture. Volunteer workers - 19 working 120 hours. Mrs. Timperly is now First Vice President on the Edmonton Citizenship Council and attended 12 executive and 10 monthly meetings. The CWL sponsors a coffee party each month. Attempts to get Catholic Bibles given as souvenirs by a representative of the Gideon people, finally successful. Fifty percent of those now being admitted to Canadian Citizenship are Catholics.

MARGARET DUGGAN SUBDIVISION

On June 7th, 1944, a meeting to organize the only subdivision of the CWL of Canada to bear the name of one of its outstanding members, both in time and in service, 'MARGARET DUGGAN' (by special permission) was held. The Charter was presented to the new group at the home of Mrs. Duggan - 10555 Saskatchewan Drive, Edmonton, on June 21st, 1944, by Mrs. Irene Hawkes, then Western Organizer. The following provisional officers were appointed to hold office until permanent officers are elected, -

President - Mrs. Mamie Boyle, Treasurer - Miss Tueta Murray Secretary - Helen Steinburg. The new subdivision will engage in war work, adult education and Social activities. Charter members were - Mrs. M. Boyle, Misses Ann Fitzgerald, Grace Brunton, Helen Steinburg, Bea Nadeau, Mary Paradis, Gertrude Sieviewright, Ellen McCarthy, Tueta Murray, Hazel Doherty, Mae Kelly, Jean Lavender, Mrs. L. LaFleche, Mrs. Stan Moher, Mrs. Kay Crystal, Mrs. Ann Hendrikson and Mrs. Estella Collins.

The first regular meeting was held on Sept. 25th, 1944, with the following officers elected, -

President	Helen Steinburg	
1st. Vice President	Mrs. Mamie Boyle	
2nd. Vice President	Mrs. Mae LaFleche	
3rd. Vice President	Mrs. Kay Chrystal	Chaplain - Rt. Rev. Msgr. Foran
Treasurer	Miss Ita McKenna	
Secretary	Mrs. J. Pickford	
Councillors	Mrs. J. Wilson, Miss C. McGrath, Mrs. J. Gallivan	

Dec. 1944 - Christmas Party for girls at the Good Shepherd Home.

Feb. 1945 - Party for girls at Good Shepherd Home reported. Also mammoth

Bridge and Whist at Memorial Hall, proceeds to go to help furnishing a Lounge Room for returned soldiers at Colonel Mewburn Hospital, in Edmonton.

Jan. 1946 - Mrs. Pat Coleman reported on Xmas Party held for soldiers at Col. Mewburn Hospital. Toys collected for Indian children in the TB wing of Jesuit College (Camsell) Hospital. Christmas tea held at home of Mrs. Robt. Macdonald, proceeds for Veterans in Mewburn, for Indian Children at Chas. Camsell Hospital and for the Good Shepherd Home.

1949 - On first anniversary of the opening of the Basic English classes for New Canadians, a party was held in the Sacred Heart Hall, Edmonton, for these newcomers to Canada. Teachers in these classes were, - Miss Anne Fitzgerald, Miss Isobel Niziol, Miss L. Brunette, Miss E. Koziak, and Mr. E. Donnelly.

Nov. 1949 - Annual Christmas tea, also Rummage Sale for Good Shepherd Home and for patients in Col Mewburn Hospital. Evening of entertainment for these patients, also. Talk on 'Spring Fashions' at meeting.

March, 1950 - Report on Auction Sale 'White Elephant' at which a goodly amount was raised.

April, 1950 - His Grace, Archbishop MacDonald, addressed regular meeting on the Holy Year and his recent visit to Rome. Club received Holy Communion in a body on April 16th, followed by breakfast at 'Seven Seas' Miss Mae Gardner elected president.

Resolution adopted that members say an extra Rosary each month. Informal talk at meeting on Rome, England, Ireland, France and Switzerland by Miss C. McGrath, just returned from European trip. Tea- proceeds for entertainment of girls at Good Shepherd Home. Group takes out membership in Alberta Catholic Education Association.

Year 1951 - Christmas party for members. Christmas Party for girls at Good Shepherd Home. Party included gifts, tree and Santa Claus.

Year 1952 - Mrs. W. K. Foy - President - Communion breakfast on March 22nd. Rummage Sale, April 27th.

May 1954 - Mrs. J. H. Boyle, President - Group will now hold only four meetings each year. Various functions held and money raised as in other years.

Year 1955 - Annual Christmas Tea to benefit Good Shepherd Home and O'Connell.

For the following years - 1956 - 57 - 58 - 59 - 60 - 61 - 62 - the group carried on as usual their charitable activities, with an intermingling of very delightful meetings four times a year, at which I had the honor of being a guest and one could not help being convinced that, for this type of group, the combination of real work and real play was ideally suitable.

The following presidents were in office from 1957 to 1962 - Mrs. B. O' Connor, Mrs. J. Barbeau, Miss Leonora Meehan and Mrs. M. Paul (just elected in 1962).

GIRL GUIDES

In the year 1925, Mrs. Edward Underwood, Edmonton Diocesan President, reported as follows:-

"As we know the Girl Guide movement has made considerable progress throughout Canada. It is less than a year since they were organized in our city, and while advancement has not been as marked as we would desire, yet we have, already, three companies, and knowing the handicap of not having trained leaders, some six months ago we formed a training class which now has an enrollment of forty."

In the year 1926 - in the Diocesan Convention report of the Catholic Business Girls' Club, the following appears:-

"While our club, as a body, is interested in Girl Guide work, to three of our members, two of whom are qualified captains, has fallen the brunt of the work, Following a short course for Captains and Lieutenants last year, three companies have been formed in the larger parishes of Edmonton, with a total membership of 100. One company took part and did creditably in the annual Shield competition for the Edmonton District. Three cups for Patrol competition were donated by our Subdivision during the year and these have provided keen competition in each company."

Years 1927 to 1931 to 1936 - No reports - Depression period.

1937 - After the depression years, the following resolution was passed at the Diocesan Convention:-

"WHEREAS, the fostering of Girl Guide Companies has always been a part of

the work of the National League, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED , that the Edmonton Diocesan Subdivision of the Catholic Womens' League do everything possible to foster Girl Guide Companies in the Edmonton Diocese, under the auspices of the Catholic Womens' League."

In 1944 - Mrs. K. Baert (The Kathleen Hawkes) was appointed Girl Guide Convener and did splendid work. Unfortunately, I have no record of it except that the Bridge Club to which I belonged and of which Mrs. Hawkes (her mother) was the unquestioned promoter, donated \$25. for their flags.

Year 1948 - Mrs. Basil Ford was Diocesan Convener - Again I have no report.

In the year 1950, Mrs. Charles Kehoe was named Diocesan Convener and in the year 1952 there were approximately 250 Guides and Brownies (Catholic) with twenty (20) Guiders and two Catholic Commissioners, Mrs. C. Kehoe and Miss Mae Gardner, with Mrs. Roosa on the Provincial Executive as a CWL member. Three Catholic Girl Guides attended National camp at Ottawa. Castor was the only subdivision outside of Edmonton to report.

Year 1952 - Mrs. C. Kehoe reported 12 Guide Companies with 225 guides and 11 Brownie Packs, plus one Brownie pack, not yet registered, in Edmonton Archdiocese. There are twenty-four (24) trained guiders and a number training. Eight of these guiders are warranted. All leaders stressing Religion and Life Emblems and meeting with marvellous results. Church parade: held regularly with their color parties and the girls receive Holy Communion.

This is an inspiration for other children, too. It is very important that the parents attend the local Association meetings and support Commissioners in their work, otherwise, the Guiders think parents are not interested. One Guide completed tests for Golden Cord. Activities include Communion breakfasts and mother and daughter banquets and flying-up parties. The Brownies supported a family plagued by sickness out of their Brownie Funds; cleaned church, helped TB orphans. Packed boxes for Korea and helped at Cerebral Palsy clinic, to mention only a few of their activities.

Year 1955 - Mrs. C. Kehoe - 475 Guides, Brownies and leaders. 6 CWL Guide companies and one Catholic company, not CWL.

Year 1956 - Mrs. C. Kehoe requested that a fund be established to further this work. Four (4) CWL Brownie packs - comprising 189 guides and 114 brownies and nineteen (19) leaders, all of whom have taken the training course. The one group which is not CWL sponsored has no CWL established in their parish yet. This group is made up of 32 guides and 2 trained leaders. Seven subdivisions, outside of Edmonton, report a total of 127 Guides and Brownies and are not, so far as is known, CWL sponsored. When at camp, these children attend Mass which is a must. One group reported an eight-day camp with Mass on three days. This is true guiding. Report was received of three Religion and Life Badges. One Guide received her 'Golden Cord'. There are the usual 'think day' services and regular Church parades; works of charity were many; helping Red Cross; supplying hampers, etc., also assistance in Parish work such

as bazaars, teas, acting as guides, baby-sitters, etc.

Year 1958 - Mrs. C. Kehoe reports 19 subdivisions sponsored Girl Guides, numbering 684. She attended Calgary Girl Guide Convention on behalf of Dioc. Executive.

Year 1959 - Mrs. G. Simpson reported 11 Guide Companies and 16 Brownie Packs, in Edmonton Archdiocese. 235 Guides - number of Brownies not given. Mrs. Simpson attended Provincial meeting in Edmonton for the Archdiocese. There are fifty (50) Catholic leaders - 2 Edmonton Councils - 2 commissioners.

Year 1960 - Mrs. G. Simpson reported 19 Guide companies with 439 Guides and 30 Brownie Packs with 722 Brownies. 153 Catholic girls are in non-Catholic groups. We have five (5) CWL Commissioners. 71 Religion and Life emblems awarded this year. Eight councils have presented 366 League insignia. This year we are celebrating 50 years of Guiding in Canada. Anyone wishing to start a Guide Company, write Miss Betty Martin, Canadian Guide Assn., 10215 - 97 St., Edmonton.

Year 1961 - Mrs. G. Simpson reported a continuing increase in the number of Catholic Guides and Brownies, in sponsored packs and companies but said there are still more girls than ever in non-Catholic groups. From reports received established packs and companies are very active, spiritually and charitably. Mrs. Simpson recommended - 1. That a copy of the newly published pamphlet on CWL Guiding, issued by the National CWL, be given to

each Parish convener. 2. - She repeated again, that when Guiders send their reports to their District Commissioner, In November, would they please send a copy to their own CWL Convener, who should send it to the Diocesan Convener, so that it would reach the Provincial Convener, early in the new year, so that an up-to-date report could be given at the annual Provincial Guide meeting.

Year 1962 - Mrs. Simpson's report stated that 78 Councils reported on this Convenership. She regretted that there was a decrease in the number of CWL sponsored companies and packs and the total number of Guides and Brownies but an increase in the number of girls registered in non-Catholic groups, although we now have more Catholic leaders. Five Councils reported having one to four leaders but no CWL sponsored companies or packs, and, at the same time, many girls in non-Catholic packs in these places. The established companies and packs have been active spiritually, with Church parades, Communion breakfasts, Guards of Honor and learning religion; fifty-five having qualified for the 'Religion and Life' Emblem. They have shared their Hallowee'n treats with children at the Atonement Home, dressed and donated dolls to the Charles Camsell Hospital, given hampers, clothes and assistance to the needy.

Remarks - Anyone who has witnessed the beautiful processions of Guides, Brownies, Scouts, Cubs and First Communicants at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Edmonton (and probably in many other parishes) on special occasions could not help but be impressed by the generally good effects of the training these children receive in these organizations. Their leaders are DEDICATED men and women

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and parents should spare no effort to help them in their splendid work for our boys and girls. This opinion, I know, will be endorsed by women in all parishes where this work is being done, especially under CWL auspices.

Director,
Catholic Action, 1000 - 10th Avenue, S.W., Calgary, Alberta, Canada

These copies under the CIVIC ACTION COMMITTEE were as follows:

- (c) Our Lady of Charity Training School
- (d) The O'Connell Institute (St. John's)
- (e) Our Lady of the Assumption Home - 95 Street
- (f) St. Mary's Home (Catholic of St. John's)
- (g) St. Mary's Home (Catholic of St. John's)
- (h) St. Mary's Home (Catholic of St. John's)
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However, Article 4 of the CIVIC ACTION BY-LAW provided for the following:

It was further provided that the CIVIC ACTION BY-LAW, and other CITIZENSHIP services may be undertaken, provided such a service is approved by a majority vote of a regular meeting of the Committee.

The Committee shall comprise two members from each subdivision in the City of Edmonton.

Subdivision representatives shall be in each case, the President and Citizenship Convener of the subdivision.

Mr. A. C. Woodman was the first Chairman. Since the majority of

reports of activities under this committee, are reported in the reports of the

various divisions, above, there is no need for repetition here. The

only those activities which are, now or then, city-wide, or

They are taken from the 1952 Divisional Convention reports and are

in various forms of work which has been undertaken during the year since the

EDMONTON CITY CIVIC ACTION COMMITTEE

The Edmonton Civic Action Committee was set up in the year 1956 (April 24) the By-Laws were ratified and authorized at an Archdiocesan Executive meeting on the same date.

Rev. Father J. Burke of the Immaculate Heart Parish was appointed Director.

Items coming under the CIVIC ACTION COMMITTEE were as follows:-

- (a) Our Lady of Charity Training School
- (b) The O'Connell Institute (Forest Heights)
- (c) Our Lady of the Atonement Home - 96 Street
- (d) St. Mary's Home (Salesians of St. John Bosco)
- (e) Sisters of Service Catechical School - 85th Street
- (f) Sisters of Service Residential Club - 105th Street
- (g) City of Edmonton Community Chest
- (h) Colonel Mewburn Veterans' Hospital

However, Article 4 of the Civic Action By-laws provided for the following extras -

"Additional to matters mentioned in Article 3 of these By-Laws, any other CITIZENSHIP service may be undertaken, provided such a service is agreed upon by a majority vote at a regular meeting of the Committee."

The Committee shall comprise two members from each subdivision of the League organized in the area which is the City of Edmonton.

Subdivision representatives shall be, in each case, the President and the Citizenship Convener of the subdivision.

Mrs. A. C. Woodman was the first Chairman. Since the majority of the reports of activities, under this committee, are reported in the reports of the various divisions listed, above, there is no need for repetition here. This report contains only those extra activities which are, more or less, city-wide, as follows-

They are taken from the 1962 Diocesan Convention Reports but are typical of various types of work which has been undertaken during the years since the

Civic Action Committee has been in existence.

Year - 1962 - Mrs. J. J. McAuley - Chairman.

HOSPITAL VISITING - Mrs. Bateman reported visits to six hospitals

and three homes with 40 members participating; 12 make monthly visits and 24 semi-monthly visits, while 4 make weekly visits. Catholic literature, treats, holy pictures, statues, Xmas Cribs, etc., are distributed particularly during Xmas and Easter. Assistance given at Xmas parties and concerts and by contacting the chaplain when necessary.

MENTAL HEALTH - Mrs. D. Melton attended nine meetings, made two visits to Oliver Mental Institute, was hostess at her home for several members of the Institute, assisted at parties and attended Fashion Show put on by the mental patients, who were guided and trained by volunteer helpers. Rev. Fr. Fitzgerald is Vice-President of the Alberta Division and states that volunteers are urgently needed. They should register with the Association.

UNITED NATIONS SOCIETY - Mrs. J. R. Wilson attended monthly meetings, contacted and invited Conveners of the Council to attend. Served on committee for sale of UNICEF Christmas cards, proceeds of which are turned over to the UN Emergency Fund. Attended a workshop and convened a table at the UN Coffee party. Suggests the CWL consider sponsoring a student to the UN School at Banff. (Note - When Mrs. F. J. Conroy was CWL representative, two Catholic girls were partially sponsored.)

CATHOLIC METIS AND INDIAN REFERRAL CENTRE - Mrs. R. Carriere

is a board member and attended five meetings. The functions of the board are:-

1. - To serve as a referral and guidance centre.
2. - To provide information about facilities and resources in the community.
3. - To develop a program for adult education and integration.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY COUNCIL - Mrs. H. M. Heard - Only one meeting during past year and she attended same.

MOVIE CENSOR BOARD - Mrs. D. M. O'Brien attended previewing of the show, - "Cold Wind in August" which had been censored and appealed. Movie again censored and not shown.

RED CROSS BLOOD DONOR CLINIC - Mrs. A. L. LaBerge reported that four members of St. John's Council work on the phoning committee at the Clinic for two hours every Friday.

FOREIGN MISSION AID - Mrs. J. Godfrey reports sending magazines, calendars, Catholic papers, rosaries and used religious articles to Nigeria. Work sponsored by St. John's and St. Francis Xavier Councils.

CITIZENSHIP - CWL Councils are hostesses once a month at the Citizenship Courts and reception for new citizens. Cash assistance to the sum of \$300. also donations of furniture, food, and clothing were reported for the past year thru the Convener, Mrs. L. Timperly, who is an officer of the Citizenship Council of Edmonton and is in charge of most Court ceremonies and hostess at Christmas and other parties for new citizens. (Previous to the setting up of the Civic Action Committee, Mrs. F.J. Conroy represented the CWL for

several years on the Edmonton Citizenship Committee and was one of the three citizen representatives who attended the very first Citizenship ceremony, in Edmonton, when we were invited to sit, with the Judge, on the dais.)

CANCER SOCIETY - Mrs. J. J. McCauley - representative, stated, that during the recent campaign, 40 captains and approximately 750 canvassers were from CWL ranks, with the highest organization average in collections. Some members helped in the workshop, personally convened the annual dinner, workshop tea and campaign coffee party. Helped on the executive of the Daffodil Day Drive. Our Diocesan Director, Rev. J. A. MacLellan, is President of the Provincial Cancer Society. (to go back into the past a little, Mrs. Irene Hawkes was prominent in the Cancer campaign for many years before the Civic Action Committee was set up and Mrs. Sadie Ross of St. Albert has been active always, both being Health Conveners for the Edmonton Diocesan CWL.

REPORT FORMS - Mrs. J. B. Moore sent out 106 sets of Report Forms last year when 93 Councils reported - 21 out of 23 in Edmonton and 72 out of 85 in rural councils. Mrs. Moore thanked all those who helped type, edit, mimeograph and assemble our Report Form Booklet, our first attempt at this. This takes the place of delegates reading their reports at the Diocesan Convention and makes way for workshops on various subjects.

LEGISLATION - 75 Councils reported on legislation. 40 urged members to vote. Ten exercised vigilance of bills before the legislature, namely the

County System in Education and changes in the Hospital Act. 7 members attended sessions of the Provincial Legislature and 20 received House of Commons Debates (hansard)

JOHN HOWARD SOCIETY - Mrs. G. Beaudry reported very active year. Attended one-day seminar in Red Deer, where the theme was 'Local Aid' (Helped prepare a seminar with Mr. Hugh Christie, warden of Okalla Prison, as guest speaker. Brief presented to the Minister of Justice on Juvenile Delinquency. Several donations received and a student is being sponsored by the fund at the University of Alberta, this year. Msgr. LeFort elected president of the newly-formed National John Howard Society and congratulations sent from the CWL.

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF CONSUMERS - Mrs. L. T. Melton is our representative and also a vice-president. Attended four executive meetings and was guest speaker at St. Albert.

MARION CENTRE - Mrs. M. Niziol states that the motto at the MARION CENTRE is, -"Let every guest be received as Christ". This inspires the volunteers. Women from 25 councils take turns twice a month helping in the kitchen and clothing room. Each Council donated turkeys, cakes and other foods to prepare a Christmas dinner for 847 men. June tea netted \$251. The Annual Tea in March netted \$550. and \$600. worth of tickets were sold on the Car Bingo. In one year, April 1961 to April 1962 - there were 129,564 meals served at the Centre and 13,526 pieces of clothing distributed.

EDMONTON FAMILY SERVICE BUREAU - Mrs. R. Carriere member

of board and reports a year of consolidation and of broadening the base for financing services with particular emphasis on 'HOME MAKER' Service.

UNITED COMMUNITY FUND - Mrs. P.R. Gaboury reported 300

volunteer canvassers, with approximately 25% of the total amount collected by the CWL in the Womens' Division. In 1961, Mrs. Gaboury was presented with a Plaque and last year received a special bar to add to the Plaque, in recognition of her devoted work for the Community Chest for many years and, also of the fine cooperation given by the members of the Edmonton CWL's.

Mrs. D.H. McCallum is on the Board of Directors of the U.C.F. and attended fourteen meetings last year.

RESOLUTIONS

In the earliest days of the CWL in Edmonton, even with seven parishes working, the members had so many projects on hand, especially when the first World War broke out, that only resolutions brought forward concerned thanks to those, especially the Clergy, who gave so freely of their time to help guide the women's efforts, and various 'thank you's' to special benefactors and outstanding workers. Since women did not have the vote until 1918, it was natural that they should not concern themselves so much with initiating improvements in society as in actually helping where the need for help was very noticeable.

Interest in causes of dislocations, and discrepancies in the social scene came later, much later. The first recorded report on Resolutions was in 1926 at the Fourth Annual Diocesan Convention, when not only 'thank-yous' were offered, but certain specified ideas were put in the form of resolutions, such as sending cancelled stamps, picture post-cards, Catholic magazines, books and pamphlets to Rev. Father Henry J. Westropp, S.J., Our Lady of Victory Mission - Victoria, Palaria, India; that we acknowledge the gift of a private collection of books for the Catholic Womens League Library from His Grace, Archbishop O'Leary and from Hon. Mr. Justice Beck, to be in trust of the Diocesan CWL, also complying with the strong wish of His Grace Archbishop O'Leary, we urge every woman in every parish to join the CWL and to subscribe to the Canadian League Magazine.

The following is a sampling of important resolutions passed at Conventions over the years: In 1928 - A resolution re beautifying the first Cathedral in Western Canada built in 1916 by Rev. Father Lacombe at St.

Albert was passed with the St. Albert was passed with the St. Albert Junior Subdivision in charge and that a Diocesan CWL Committee be formed to give all possible assistance to the commendable undertaking.

As early as the year 1932 - the CWL passed a resolution regarding pernicious publications as follows:

WHEREAS there seems to be a growing effort to promote the sale of publications dangerous to the morals of our youth, BE IT RESOLVED, that a protest regarding this sale and display in the towns and cities of the Subdivisions of this Archdiocese be made to the proper authorities."

Also in 32 - WHEREAS the cinema plays such an important part in the life of young people, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Catholic Womens' League of this Archdiocese be ever on the alert when pictures of a pernicious nature are shown and see that a protest is made to the Provincial Film Censor Board for their withdrawal.

Year 1934 - "WHEREAS we desire to pledge our loyal support to the National Executive of our organization, BE IT RESOLVED that we reiterate our approval and endorsement of the stand taken at the Quebec Convention regarding Birth Control and Sterilization.

Year 1936 - "WHEREAS certain organizations of the City and Province, under various names and guises, are aiding and abetting the nefarious propaganda of the Communists, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Convention warn all Catholic women to be vigilant always and not to accept membership in, nor in any way be associated with any organization whose aims and ideals are not positively known to them.

Year 1937- Congratulating Bishop L. Nelligan on his appointment as Bishop of Pembroke. Was Parish Priest at St. Joseph's, Edmonton.

Year 1938- "WHEREAS, we as women's organization are unalterably opposed to War as a means of settling the disagreements of nations, therefore all Subdivisions be requested to offer a short daily prayer to the Prince of Peace imploring Him in His mercy to avert the calamity of a world war.

Year 1938- WHEREAS, it has been brought to our attention that there is room for improvement in the set-up and administration of the Mothers' Allowance Act, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we bring to the attention of other important organizations of women in this Province, the necessity of petitioning the Government, on behalf of these women's organizations, re the present manner of administering the mothers Allowance Act.

Year 1939 - THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SOCIETY IN THE WAY OF PEACE.

"WHEREAS, this year's National Convention of the CWL of Canada, passed a very important resolution dealing with this subject and solicited the cooperation of the Dioceses and Subdivisions in the practical application of this resolution. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Edmonton Diocesan Council of the CWL in convention assembled, do heartily endorse the sentiments expressed in the National Resolution and urge upon all our Subdivisions and members the necessity of cooperating in furthering this important matter .

Year 1940- "WHEREAS, child evacuees will again be brought from England to Canada as soon as circumstances permit, and, as it is compulsory by law that Catholic children be cared for under Catholic auspices, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ladies of the Catholic Women's League generously endeavor, wherever possible, to extend the hospitality of their homes to these little ones who come to us for protection.

Year 1943- Discussion re formation of Provincial CWL Council in Alberta and motion by Miss C. McGrath "That an Alberta Provincial Committee be set up and that this Convention go on record as approving it. Carried.

Year 1945- WHEREAS many returning servicemen will be bringing their brides from other countries to points where we have Subdivisions or to nearby points, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that every Subdivision of the Edmonton Diocesan Council do pledge itself to do everything possible to welcome and assist these newcomers, both Spiritually and temporally.

Year 1945-WHEREAS God has been pleased, in His mercy, to grant victory to the Allied cause, and we in Canada share in the fruits of that victory, **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at which we shall assist on Sunday be attended by the Edmonton Diocesan Council in a spirit of thanksgiving for the blessing of victory and of earnest petition for a just and lasting peace.

Year 1946 - WHEREAS there seems to be a lack of interest in the National Scholarship, as evidenced by the lack of contestants, **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that in order to stimulate interest in the National Scholarship, that the conditions for winning the scholarship be amended as follows:-

1. (a) Reduction in the length of service required as a Catholic Social Service worker in Canada, from three to two years.

(b) Clause requiring refunding of the \$1,000 awarded by the scholarship if service in Canada is not given, be deleted altogether.

(c) That greater publicity be given to National Scholarship.

4. **WHEREAS** Canada is a land of plenty, compared to many parts of the world, and, **WHEREAS** many people in these other lands would not only make good citizens of Canada, but would add to our culture and to our productive capacity in lines not well-developed in Canada, **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that we petition the Federal Government to make entrance into Canada easier for desirable citizens from any land, but particularly from those lands which have been most ravaged by war.

Year 1948-2. WHEREAS - There appears to be considerable need for a helping hand to assist in the re-establishment of persons, both men and women, when they are released from jail or from prison and WHEREAS:- A John Howard Society has been formed recently, here, for this purpose:
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:- That every Subdivision in this Archdiocese do all it can, on its own, to help such individuals particularly women, and also give whatever help it can to the work of the 'John Howard Society.'

:- That the Edmonton Diocesan Council of the CWL of Canada in Convention assembled, do again request the National Catholic Women's League of Canada to again petition the Federal Government for a change in the Family Allowance Act, so that Family Allowances may be paid to the institution which is actually maintaining the child, said allowance to be used for the child's personal benefit and the institution to render an accounting to the Federal Government at specified times, on the expenditure of this Family Allowance money.

Year 1950-40. Submitted by Red Deer - with Director's approval.
WHEREAS THE Catholic CWL Diocesan Council now includes approximately ninety parish councils and the number is increasing each year, and WHEREAS the present system of each Council reading a three-minute report now requires approximately four hours of Convention time,
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Diocesan Council be asked to consider having these reports submitted in advance, in order that they may be printed and distributed to each delegate at the Convention, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that part of the time formerly required for these reports be now used for lectures, discussions, question periods, etc., on the Convention theme or other related topic.

15. HOSTEL FOR INDIAN MEN AND WOMEN:- (Mrs. F.J. Conroy)
WHEREAS, It is a shocking fact that Indian men and women are refused admittance to city hotels when necessity, such as waiting for a hospital bed, or other business requires them to remain in Edmonton overnight,
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Edmonton Diocesan Council petition the Government responsible for Indian Welfare to provide a suitable hostel where Indians, who are obliged to stay overnight in Edmonton may have accommodation under proper auspices.

Year 1955-2. WHEREAS, in the opinion of this meeting, the Subdivision report form is impractical for the following reasons:-
 (1) It requires information which cannot be supplied with accuracy except at the cost of an inordinate amount of time and effort;

(2) It required information which, in some respects, is of a private and personal nature;

(3) The printing of such a form issued in triplicate to each Subdivision is costly.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this meeting go on record as being opposed to this form of questionnaire and petition Head Office for a form which can be filled in briefly and without undue inconvenience to the Subdivision and at a minimum of expense.

Year 1958 -

WHEREAS, in view of the fact that our new Seminary at Edmonton is for the education of priests from all parts of Alberta, and that, while the fees for each seminarian are set at \$700. per year, some seminarians are unable to pay these fees, also in view of the fine support given the Edmonton Diocesan Council of the CWL during the last year just completed, when it asked its subdivisions to assist in the expense of the training of one priest for a year and the sum of \$447. was raised on very short notice, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Edmonton Diocesan Council of the CWL petition the Alberta Provincial Council of the CWL to ask each of the four Diocesan Councils of the CWL in Alberta to undertake a similar project this year, namely the raising of enough money to cover the training of one seminarian for the priesthood for the coming year.

Year 1961 -

Resolution re Reading of Council Reports at Diocesan Conventions; RESOLVED that the Diocesan Council consider having these reports submitted in advance in order that they may be printed and distributed to each delegate at the Convention and the time thus saved, at the Convention, be used for lectures, discussions, question periods.

SPECIAL EVENTS AND HONORS

1. Support for the Missionaries of Mary started in 1949 and continued as long as needed. Christmas Cards were sold and profits given them for several years.
2. The Family Theatre programme was initiated in 1952 and supported for some three or four years. Records incomplete.
3. The Rosary Crusade in 1950, together with open-air Mass and Rosary after public procession through the streets of Edmonton, an occasion when a very lovely new Banner was provided by the CWL, was a great occasion.
4. The changeover to Parish Subdivisions in the City of Edmonton occurred in the year 1950.
5. Trophy Awards in the form of silver cups, initiated by Msgr. MacLellan in 1953.
6. Edmonton Senior Subdivision disbanded in 1950 to make way for Parish subs.

OUR DIOCESAN DIRECTOR - Rt. Rev. Msgr. MacLellan, was Editor of the Western Catholic for many years, starting in 1928. He has been Chaplain for St. Joseph's College for two terms, years 1927 to 1940 and 1940 to 1946, also Chaplain for Mewburn Hospital for returned men from 1946 to 1962. On his retirement from the Chaplaincy of Mewburn Hospital, he received the Canadian Legions' highest award, the medal 'FOR MERIT'. He is Alberta President of the Canadian Cancer Association and a member of the National Directorate of that body. As CWL Diocesan Director, he has endeared himself to all of us by his kind

interest, wise advice and unfailing solicitude for the good of the CWL and the advancement of the women in it. He and Rev. Fr. R. V. Britton, who was Provincial Chaplain for year, were instrumental, along with Rev. Fr. J. Burke, Director of Civic Action committee in securing honors for seven members of the Edmonton Diocesan who received the 'Bene Merenti' from the Pope. In 1953 he introduced the 'Trophy Awards' to the Diocesan Council, in the form of silver cups for first and second place in CWL standing, based on merit for the year, which gave even the smallest subdivision an equal opportunity with the largest. These are passed on each year to the winners, at the Diocesan Convention, occasioning much enjoyment.

Monsignor has been active in the Alberta Catholic Education Association for years and has done much to further the cause of Catholic education in this Province. A spiritual boquet was presented to him on the occasion of his 25th Anniversary, with the good wishes of every CWL Member. Long may he be spared.

Rev. Father J. Burke, Director of the Civic Action Committee, is also held in the highest esteem by all who know him. He is pastor of the Immaculate Heart Church, in Edmonton, and is a life-long friend of the Catholic Womens' League.

Rev. Father E. Britton, who was Provincial Chaplain for several years, is another staunch friend of the CWL, whether in his capacity as Chaplain or in his position as editor of the Western Catholic, for many years, and also a well-known speaker on radio on Sunday afternoon for some years.

This roster would be incomplete without the expression of our sincerest thanks and appreciation to Archbishop J. H. Macdonald and to Coadjutor Archbishop A. Jordan, OMI, who, on every occasion have given sound advice and wonderful cooperation in CWL projects and events.

SPECIAL REPORTS should certainly include the participation of the Edmonton Diocesan Council (then having 43 subdivisions) in the SPIRITUAL BOUQUET which the Catholic Womens' League of Canada presented to Her Gracious Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, 2nd, on the occasion of Her coronation, on June 2, 1953, to implore from Almighty God peace and prosperity for Canada, the Commonwealth and the World

Masses offered	366
Masses heard	2,021
Visits to Blessed Sacrament	1,213
Holy Communions	1,294
Stations of the Cross	1,106
Rosaries	3,856
Litanies	2,123
Ejaculations	15,224
Other prayers	3,599

Bene Merenti medals from the Holy Father have been bestowed on the following:-

Mrs. D. M. O'Brien, - Edmonton
 Mrs. D. M. Melton - Edmonton
 Mrs. F. J. Conroy - Edmonton
 Mrs. P. R. Gaboury - Camrose
 Mrs. C. D. Kelly - Camrose
 Mrs. Ed. Kehoe - Camrose
 Mrs. R. Byers - Camrose

The 'Lateran Cross' was received by Mrs. J. W. Connolly.

The highest honor received was bestowed on Mrs. J. J. Duggan, Edmonton, when she received the Medal 'Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice' from Pope Pius XII for her many years of work for the CHURCH and CWL.

Mrs. A. Deman also received this decoration for outstanding work in St. Theresa's Parish.

Other honors, Mrs. F. J. Conroy of Edmonton, received the 'MBE' decoration from King George VI for War Work done as Alberta Chairman of the Womens' Regional Advisory Committee to the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, during the second World War.

Mrs. P. R. Gaboury was the recipient of a beautiful plaque from the Edmonton Community Chest Committee for her magnificent efforts from 1941 to 1962 in organizing the Catholic women of Edmonton and as an acknowledgement of the excellent accomplishments and cooperation of the Catholic women of Edmonton, which resulted from Mrs. Gaboury's painstaking and arduous work in this field.

CWL LIFE MEMBERSHIPS— have been bestowed on Mrs. D. M. O'Brien, Mrs. P. R. Gaboury, Mrs. F. J. Conroy, Mrs. A.C. Woodman all of Edmonton and on Mrs. John Kehoe of Camrose. Coronation medals went to Miss Catherine McGrath in 1937 and to Mrs. D. M. O'Brien in 1952.

Mrs. Doreen Melton is in charge of arranging for the printing of this History and also for the proper celebration of our 'Golden Jubilee'. She always says that what she does is 'Nothing' but, since she hails from Ireland, I think she has leprechauns and fairies helping her, or maybe, happy thought, it is our Blessed Mother, whose devoted client she is. God bless her.

So - My labor of love is 'tout finis' and so am I (almost). And so - GOOD NIGHT

EARLY MEMORIES OF THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF EDMONTON

By Katherine Hughes

It is with happy memories that I revert to the foundation of the Catholic Women's League of Edmonton, twelve years ago. I am naturally very pleased to realize that the healthy acorn of 1912 has grown to be a big oak, able to shelter a national Convention in its branches this year. And it is the happiest sort of coincidence that the League's President this year should be a member of the same family as Mrs. Samuel Gorman, our first President, who played such an outstanding part in our first Executive.

It was in the pleasant Indian-summer time of the autumn of 1912 that the inauguration of the League took place in Edmonton, a notable event in the annals of the Western Church, for it has become the parent-League of the national organization throughout Canada. The Late Archbishop Legal, whom Pere Lacombe used to liken to James J. Hill because of his long vision and constructive power, had begun in 1909--or was it 1910?-- the organization of Catholic laymen in his diocese. The task was a formidable one, for his diocese then covered the province from the American boundary up to the Athabasca region.

In the summer of 1911, when the men's organization was satisfactorily established, the Archbishop asked me if I would volunteer several week-ends for the purpose of organizing the women in a similar society. In prompt compliance with his wishes I planned to visit various cities. But an acute illness intervened, preventing me from fulfilling the plans that summer. The following year we resumed discussions concerning the work, and it was while the matter was again on the carpet that the Abbe Casgrain arrived in Edmonton. His admirable work for Catholic immigrants at the ports of entry was already known to us, and he speedily announced his purpose of establishing in Edmonton a centre for the care of Catholic immigrants arriving in Alberta. He agreed with me that Edmonton should provide them a hotel, which would combine the advantages of a community house and an employment bureau, together with accommodation for the new arrivals.

We found on inquiry that financial conditions would not permit the sale of stock in such a venture at that time. That was the decision of the men. Fortunately neither of us despaired; we simply turned to the women. There was that long-planned Diocesan organization of women to be reckoned with. The Abbe suggested that it might take the form of a Catholic Women's League and co-operate with the League of the same name in London, together with the older organizations in Germany and the new groups forming in France and Italy. Already these societies had agreed upon the international arrangement for the protection of young girls.

As Archbishop Legal heartily acquiesced in this idea, I called a meeting of the Edmonton Catholic women through announcements in all the churches, and some time in November, 1912, we assembled in the parish hall of St. Joachim's Church. As I placed the matter before the assemblage I urged that it be established on a plan similar to the Local Council of Women, as this would enable us to participate in a national federation later.

The League as established was in effect a federation of all the Catholic societies for women in the city, with a central Executive Board competent to meet the larger problems of the community and the Church's needs throughout the diocese. Yet it was planned in no way to encroach upon the detail work of smaller organizations in all the parishes represented at this inaugural meeting.

All existing Catholic societies in the diocese, which meant practically the whole province at that time, were to be invited to affiliate. The plan of work and organization was enthusiastically adopted. The officers elected at this inaugural meeting were: President, Mrs. Samuel J. Gorman; Vice-President, Madame Gariepy; Treasurer, Mrs. Tehan; Secretary, Martha Morkin.

The ladies of each parish in Edmonton and Strathcona left the meeting eager to spread the tidings and to enroll every woman in their various parishes. Father Naessens, the genial representative of a nation of heroes, was the first Chaplain of the League. Fathers Lemarchand, Pilon, Cozinet, Murphy, Hetu and others--either as pastors, curators or just wonderful friends--must also live in the annals of the League's first years in Edmonton.

While branches were being formed in each parish and enrollment was increasing, the Central Executive was not idle. Several entertainments were given to help the maintenance of the Ruthenian orphanage and convent, which had been built through the efforts of the Edmonton Catholic women, combined with Catholic extension offices in Toronto. This work, initiated by us at the request of Father John T. Roche, the brilliant and courageous head of extension work in Canada then, seemed the most fitting for our energies while we waited for more definite action of the League.

(And I must digress here to state that it was the driving force and stimulus of Father Roche on this tour of the West in 1910 that started all the practical work done since then for Ruthenian immigrants. In this he found the solution of one of the biggest problems of the Church in the West.)

The foundation of the Catholic Women's League may be said to have got into active operation after the meeting of April 19, 1913, when definite steps were taken to care for the spring's incoming tide of immigrants. Volunteer forces were found to meet all trains entering the

city; to visit the hospitals, and to conduct an office which was rather a reception-room and free employment bureau. The office, through the kindness of Mr. J. C. Picard, cost us nothing.

The work undertaken was in fulfillment of the aims of the League at that time. Briefly these were:-

1. The care of young girls and women arriving in the city, or who were ill or out of work.
2. To aid the Ruthenian Sisters in their rapidly developing work.
3. To provide for the needs of Catholic strangers in the city hospitals, junior members of the League being detailed for this work as visitors.
4. To aid poor missions throughout Alberta, co-operating with Church Extension for this purpose.

At the April meeting the Executive was slightly altered. I took on the work of Secretary and Mrs. James Morkin became Recording Secretary--the Executive Committee consisting of Mesdames Cauchon, Berube, Barry, Madore, Tehan, Boucher, Lavallee, H. B. Dawson, T.P. Malone, J. Laughlin, Stuart Smith, Ducey, and E. Underwood.

I sometimes think too much gratitude cannot be paid by the League to the women who at this time undertook the arduous work of meeting trains and otherwise caring for the new arrivals--voluntary work which made all the future growth possible, and in which each displayed a fine sense of personal service as well as western friendliness. This roster of honor includes practically every active member of the League at that time. When the League had begun to function actively at home, I took steps to affiliate it with the Catholic Women's League of London, and at the instance of Mrs. Gorman entered into correspondence with similar foundations in the United States. This was because from the start I urged--and still feel the need for it--definite international co-ordination of the Catholic Women's League in Europe and throughout the continents of North and South America. With this end in view, our League adopted as a principle that a member of the League in good standing in any part of the world should be welcomed as a member into the League in any other part of the world. All she should require as an introduction would be her current membership card. I doubt if this idea, with its obvious benefits for Catholic women, moving from parish to parish or from country to country, has yet been widely adopted. It might advantageously be debated at some future International Conference of the League.

The original idea of an adequate private hotel for girls and women arriving as strangers in Edmonton was never lost, though depressing pre-war conditions delayed its establishment. My absence in Europe during this period makes me unfamiliar with the beginnings of the hostel, but I was delighted on my return in 1916 to find that under the Sisters of Providence it had become exactly what we had planned from the start. It was a real

home for girls away from home--a haven for those who were ill or out of work or in need of friendly direction. It was being conducted on the most up-to-date principles, serving as a community centre in some degree, and assuredly a place of refreshment and inspiration for all Edmonton women engaged in League activities.

The surpassingly fine work and personality of the Superior, Rev. Mother Clements, and her companions made the new Rosary Hall a notable success. And from that first joyful "shower" of household goods through every succeeding contact, I feel sure they have made a lasting place for themselves in the hearts of Edmonton folk.

While in Montreal in 1917 I was delighted to find the ladies there taking steps to establish a branch of the Catholic Women's League--and later on when Regina, then Ottawa, then Toronto stepped into line I knew the seeds we western women planted in 1912-1913 were bearing rich fruit.

Through active pressure from the Edmonton League there was brought about in Montreal in June, 1920, a conference of the various Catholic Women's League branches then existing in the Dominion, together with other large bodies of Catholic women from various centres. Their aim was national organization. I knew then that Edmonton's early dream of a Dominion-wide organization was at last shaping into a tangible thing.

But all this is so well known to most of you I shall not dwell longer now on the story. Besides, a complete history of the foundation and growth of the Canadian Women's League in Canada is well under way, and I am sure that none of our little accomplishments as pioneers will measure up to the fine achievements still before the League.

I sincerely wish the League in Canada the best of luck and the most harmonious and effective of Executives always. And for this National Convention--my heartiest greetings to each and all of you!

(At National Convention, Edmonton, 1924)

